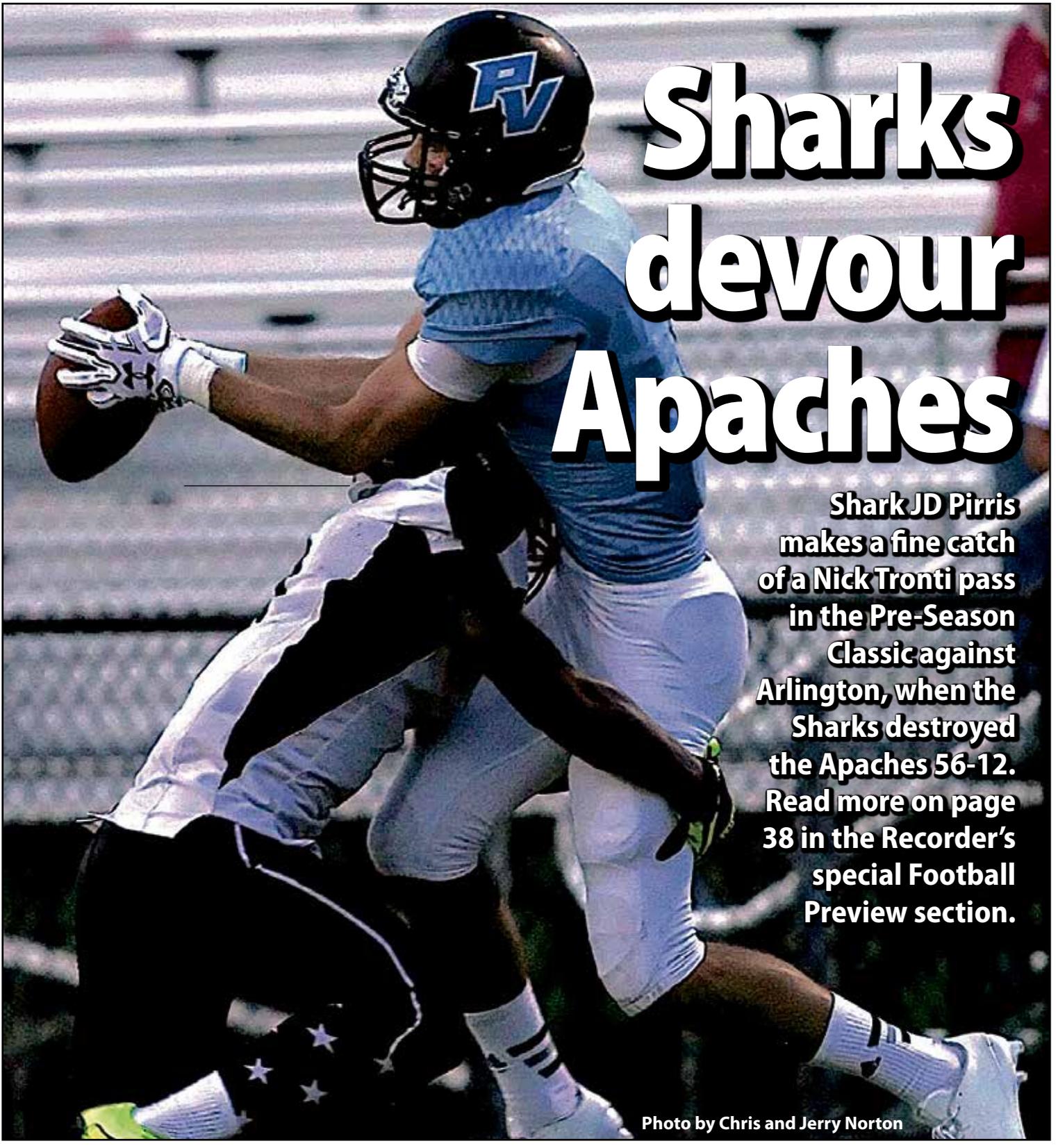


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# Sharks devour Apaches

**Shark JD Pirris makes a fine catch of a Nick Tronti pass in the Pre-Season Classic against Arlington, when the Sharks destroyed the Apaches 56-12. Read more on page 38 in the Recorder's special Football Preview section.**

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

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# Commissioners revise proposed plan for beach parking fees

**By Jennifer Logue**

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners voted 4-0 last week to move forward with a revised plan to charge non-residents increased fees for both on- and off-beach parking, after county staff expressed concerns that the plan commissioners previously approved wouldn't generate enough revenue.

At the Aug. 16 BCC meeting, commissioners Jimmy Johns, Bill McClure, Jay Morris and Jeb Smith voted in favor of having staff provide further details on a beach parking fee plan that would charge non-residents \$20 a day for on-

beach parking access, or \$175 for annual pass. Non-residents would also pay a \$10 daily rate to park in one of the county's off-beach parking lots, or \$100 for an annual off-beach parking pass.

Under this revised plan, St. Johns County residents would continue to pay the current \$6 a day fee and \$40 annual pass rate for on-beach parking, and nothing for off-beach parking.

The new plan would charge non-residents significantly higher fees than the original plan approved at the commission's July 26 meeting, when county staff first presented a parking fee proposal to

address a growing shortfall in the Beach Services budget. Noting that the county General Fund has been subsidizing Beach Services for several years – and that the current subsidy was expected to be \$866,000 – Office of Management and Budget Assistant Director Jesse Dunn presented a proposal at that meeting prepared by outside consultants Public Financial Management.

Under the original proposal, both county residents and non-residents would have paid \$5 a day for off-beach parking, with residents able to purchase a \$50 annual pass. Doing so, PFM rep-

resentatives said, would net the county approximately \$1.6 million – enough to cover the \$866,000 shortfall while also generating additional revenue.

County commissioners balked, however, at charging residents a fee to park in off-beach parking lots, and on a motion by Commissioner Rachael Bennett – who was not present for last week's meeting – voted 4-1 to move forward with off-beach parking fees for non-residents only, with additional discounts for seniors and veterans.

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## Outpost, Vilano development proposals topics of Beaches Coalition meeting

By Carrie Resch

Two controversial development proposals – both of which have resident groups organized in opposition – were among the items discussed at the Aug. 22 meeting of the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition meeting.

Save Guana Now co-founders Gary Coulliette and Nicole Crosby outlined their group's opposition to the 77-home Vista Tranquila development proposed for the Outpost, located at the end of Neck Road and adjacent to the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. Ultimately, they said, their group would like to see the land made available for permanent preservation. Save Guana Now is currently working on raising awareness and fundraising efforts in order to fight the proposed development.

The second main topic of discussion regarded Save Our Vilano, a grassroots organization opposed to the proposed WaterMarke Beachcomber project that would build a hotel, beach villas and resort facilities on Coastal Highway ap-

proximately 1.5 miles north of Vilano Town Center. At the Aug. 4 meeting of the St. John's County Planning & Zoning Agency, the PZA board voted 5 to 1 in favor of recommending that the Board of County Commissioners approve transmittal of the project.

Coalition Secretary and former County Commissioner Mary Kohnke expressed concern about last-minute changes made to the developers' proposal. At the Aug. 4 hearing, the developers' attorney presented the changes on a photocopied sheet that had words crossed out and handwritten changes inserted on it.

"When this kind of thing happens... it's the chairman's job and the attorney's job to stop the meeting then and there and say, 'I'm sorry, we cannot continue, you must have your material in...and the meeting would've stopped until everything was cleaned up sometime in the future,'" Kohnke said.

Kohnke also noted that attorney Jane West, who represented Save Our Vilano, was given only 10 minutes to speak at the hearing.

PZA Board Member Dick Williams – the lone member to vote against recommending approval – attended Monday's coalition meeting, however, and noted that there had been a meeting between the attorneys to discuss how much time they would get to speak.

Also present was Steve Magiera, a member of the WaterMarke development team. According to Magiera, West was notified of WaterMarke's changes the day before the hearing, after the developers were advised by the county attorney on how to proceed.

"If we would have changed our application, it would have deferred the meeting," Magiera said. "We didn't want to do that. They instructed us the best thing to do would be to walk it on the floor."

The changes presented at the Aug. 4 PZA hearing included a scaling back of the project.

"Listening to the residents, we knew density was a concern and traffic was a concern," Magiera said. "We decided it was in everybody's best interest for us to reduce the number of hotel rooms from 130 to 120 and bring the villas down from essentially 79 to 50."

WaterMarke also reduced the amount of commercial square footage for resort amenities, he said. Magiera pointed out, however, that the property is already zoned for 79 residential units, and will be developed at some point.

"I think everybody is so used to seeing it sitting there vacant and neglected that they think it's going to stay that way," Magiera said. "That's not an option anymore. It's going to be used for what it's currently approved for or what we think is a better answer for Vilano, for St. Johns County and for St. Augustine."

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### New proposal

After running the numbers and noting that charging only non-residents \$5 a day wouldn't generate enough revenue to make a significant impact on the Beach Services shortfall, county staff were back before the commissioners with their revised proposal. Prior to approving the revised parking fee plan, several commissioners questioned the significant increases seen in the Beach Services budget over the past several years.

Noting that commissioners have asked departments to hold their budget increases steady in recent years, Commissioner Bill McClure said, "What I'm looking at here is much more than that from a percentage basis. Some of these (increases) were 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 percent. What's the tangible return?"

County officials and representatives from St. Johns County Fire Rescue noted, however, that the significant increase in the county's population correlates to increased use of its beaches, requiring the addition of more lifeguards and other staff to maintain the beaches.

"The beach is an expensive asset," County Administrator Michael Wanchick said. "Whether you're on the beach or off, there are costs. It just is what it is and costs what it costs and I think we've been very responsible."

McClure also questioned why the county couldn't do more to increase the

amount of room available for on-beach parking, thereby generating additional revenue to offset beach maintenance costs. County staff said they were constrained, however, by environmental laws as well as the need to keep the beaches safe for pedestrians.

"I think you need to keep in mind that first and foremost, this is a beach," Wanchick said. "It's not a parking lot. It's not a driving lane. It's a beach. The federal, state law statutes treat the beach first. There's only a few counties in Florida you can drive on the beach anymore."

"If you violate the conservation plan, you could eventually lose entirely the right to drive and park on the beach," Wanchick continued. "So there's a balance here. And you can't lose track of that balance."

County commissioners voted unanimously to have staff pursue the revised parking fee plan, with details to be presented to the board at a later date. OMB's Dunn cautioned, however, that even by increasing proposed non-resident parking fees, the new plan is only projected to generate approximately \$617,000 – not enough to fully cover the current \$866,000 being subsidized by the General Fund. Dunn also questioned whether that figure was attainable, given the difficulty in predicting how many non-residents versus residents will be parking at the beaches on any given day.

"\$617,000 is going to be a tough number – I'm not sure that is a conservative number," he said. "I don't know if we're going to get to this \$600,000 with this scenario."

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### Revised beach parking fee proposal

	St. Johns County Resident	Non-Resident
On-beach daily parking fee	\$ 6 (no change)	\$ 20
On-beach annual pass	\$40 (no change)	\$175
Off-beach daily parking fee	\$ 0 (no change)	\$ 10
Off-beach annual pass	N/A	\$100

# Early voting begins for primary election

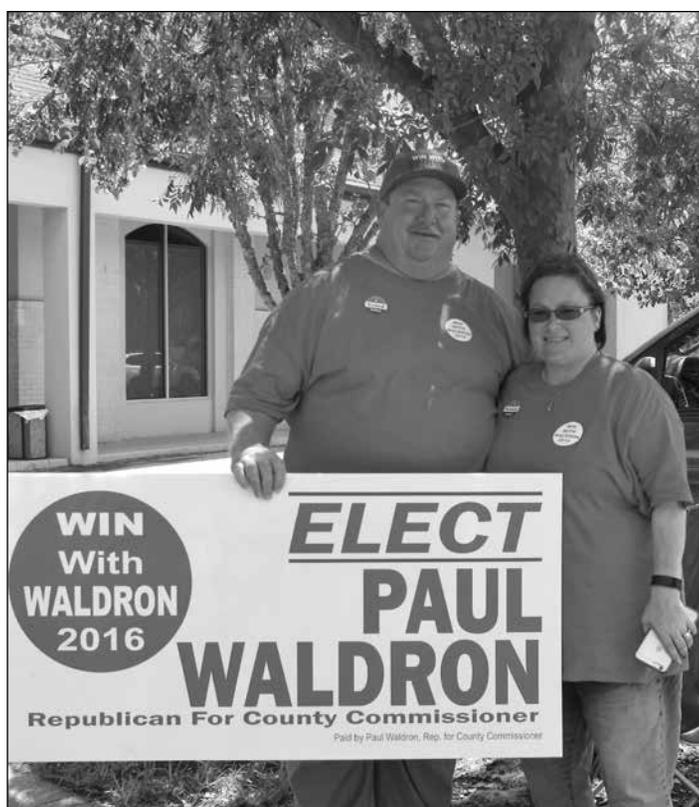


Early voting is now underway across St. Johns County, with early voting polling locations accepting ballots for the Aug. 30 primary election.

According to the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections office, 1,306 voters cast their ballots on Aug. 20, the first day of early voting. Voters wishing to vote early may continue to do so at select

locations through Saturday, Aug. 27. In Ponte Vedra, early voting is held at the public library from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.; for a complete list of early voting locations across the county, visit <http://www.votesjc.com/Election-Information/Early-Voting>.

On election day, Aug. 30, voters must vote at their assigned precinct.



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Ward 3 County Commission candidates Paul Waldron and Jerry Cameron both hold signs outside the Ponte Vedra Branch Public Library Aug. 20, the first day of early voting.



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Among the candidates in attendance were Clerk of Circuit Court Hunter Conrad and St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar – both of whom are running for re-election – and former Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford, who is running for U.S. Congress in the 4th congressional district.



Janet and Dale Westling (front) welcome (from left) Clerk of Circuit Court Hunter Conrad, Sheriff David Shoar and former Jacksonville Sheriff and congressional candidate John Rutherford to the Aug. 19 candidate meet and greet held at their Ponte Vedra Beach home.

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## Stephanie Augusta

By Jennifer Logue

### What services does Ponte Vedra Staging provide?

Ponte Vedra Staging (PVS) provides many options to homeowners, at all budget levels. I have a full inventory of furniture and accessories, therefore I'm able to furnish vacant homes. PVS offers two levels of staging consultations: I can provide a list of suggestions and advice to sellers, and they perform the packing up and rearranging; or I will do all the rearranging for them. I've helped homeowners rearrange existing furniture for a fresh new look; I've also helped families configure furniture and accessories when moving into a new home.

### What prompted you to start the business?

In 2013, while working for a local husband and wife team of Realtors, I quickly noticed the amount of vacant homes sitting empty on the market, month after month, unsold. One of these vacant homes belonged to a friend, who had been relocated to South Florida. I called her and asked if I could stage her home. She said yes, and I received a star of approval from her agent! I took lots of photos from that home, came up with a name and soon began marketing Ponte Vedra Staging ([facebook.com/pontevedrastagingco](https://www.facebook.com/pontevedrastagingco)) to local agents.

### How can homeowners and/or Realtors benefit from having their home staged?

Statistics show that 98 percent of buyers used the internet at some point in their search for a new home. By having a home professionally staged, I feel the benefit comes to the seller, the buyer and the agent. The seller benefits because photos of their staged home will stand out over others online and in print, driving more traffic to their home. The buyer benefits because a staged home versus a vacant one helps them visualize placement of their own furniture in the home. It's difficult to determine how big, or small, a room is if it's empty. And the real estate agent benefits because statistics show staged homes sell closer to list price than vacant homes – which also benefits the seller!

### Do homes that are staged sell faster or for a higher price? If so, why do you think that is?

National statistics show that on average, homes that are staged pre-listing sell 70 percent faster than homes that are not. Ponte Vedra Staging's average Days on the Market – of homes that were staged pre-listing – is 69 days. Why is "staged pre-listing" important? The first few weeks on the market are typically when you'll see the most traffic. So from the beginning, your home should be show ready. I have a fun saying: "Staging costs less than a price reduction." If after 60 to 90 days the home hasn't sold, sellers usually opt for a price reduction – anywhere between \$5,000 to 20,000; staging costs much less than that.

### When staging a home, do you work with the seller's current furniture or do you bring in your own furnishings?

I do both, and I also combine mine with theirs. I've had instances where furniture is worn, or a room wasn't furnished nicely, so I supplemented utilizing



my inventory. It's a fun challenge for me to rearrange or move items in a home from one room to another – even swapping lamps makes a huge impact. Homeowners say, "I never would have thought to move that table over there, but it looks so much better!"

### If you could offer sellers some basic tips for "mini-staging" their home for sale, what would they be?

I have another saying, "When your home is on the market, it's not really your home; it becomes a place where buyers are searching for a functional kitchen and a cozy living room -- they aren't "buying" your collection of trinkets. If a home is packed full of furniture, or counters are lined with appliances, it's difficult to see anything past that. Think of your home as a model home. I'd also suggest the sellers go through their home room by room, taking out items that aren't serving a real purpose, and organize the area. Be sure remotes and magazines are unseen, and if decorative pillows or rugs are worn, remove them or purchase new ones. Pack up all small knickknacks or collectible items and personal photos. Adding a fresh, new pop of color will also alter the look and feel of a room.

When you get notification of a showing, tidy up! Invest in an under-the-bed storage bin with lid to clean up everything quickly. Put away items like towels, toothbrushes and shampoo. from the bathroom. Make sure there are no clothes or towels on your floor and that toys are put away – but don't stuff everything in a closet, because a buyer will surely open that closet door!

### What is the most memorable home staging makeover you've worked on since starting your company?

By far the most memorable was a vacant home that had already been on the market for 83 days – a very open-concept floorplan. The living room, dining area and two sitting areas leading to a patio were all one space, with an open kitchen in the middle. The open areas certainly needed to be defined as their own space, but the owner was extremely skeptical that I would be able to do the job correctly, mostly because he was sure I would bring oversized furniture. I finally convinced him to allow me the opportunity, and asked him to please not return until I was finished. I assured him if he wasn't happy, I would gladly remove everything. When I was done, the home was darling: Each space showed its purpose, the home was bright with appropriately scaled furnishings, and looked just adorable. I received a rave review from him; he had a contract in 14 days, and an on-time closing!

### How do you enjoy spending your free time?

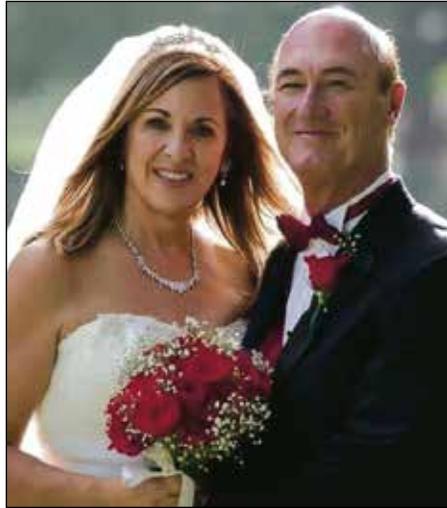
Our family enjoys outdoor activities like the beach, boating, paddle boarding, swimming, golf, volleyball, playing catch, or any type of yard ball. Things I personally enjoy are volunteering at PVPV/Rawlings, being a Girl Scout co-leader, lunch with a friend, reading – and of course, staging homes! I would also like to give a huge thank you to my husband and my mom, who both help me anytime I ask. Without their help, it would not be a success.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**St. Clair - Seals**

Dr. A. Allen Seals and Kim St. Clair Seals were married May 28, 2016 at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach. The rehearsal dinner was held at TPC Sawgrass and the wedding reception was held at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa.

Dr. Seals has been an interventional cardiologist at Baker-Gilmour Cardiovascular Institute in Jacksonville for the past 30 years. Ms. St. Clair is a cardiology nurse practitioner consultant for the Florida Chapter of the American College of Cardiology. They reside in Ponte Vedra Beach.



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Ponte Vedra resident Dany Atkinson and her sister, "House of Cards" actress Jayne Atkinson



Kelli Roberts Craig of Underwood's Jewelers and Dao Fournier jewelry designer Lucy Price help "House of Cards" actress Jayne Atkinson select the jewelry she'll wear to next month's Emmy Awards.

Photos by Jennifer Logue

## Underwood's aids 'House of Cards' actress

By Jennifer Logue

As Secretary of State Catherine Durant on the popular Netflix series "House of Cards," Jayne Atkinson has both schemed and sparred with political power couple, the Underwoods.

So perhaps it's no surprise that on a recent trip to Ponte Vedra to visit family, the actress turned to Underwood's Jewelers to find just the right ornaments to adorn the gown she'll wear to next month's Emmy Awards.

Atkinson visited Underwood's Aug. 20 accompanied by her sister, Dany Atkinson, who lives in Ponte Vedra.

"Dany is my personal dresser for the SAG Awards and the Emmy Awards and other events," Atkinson said as she prepared to peruse Underwood's offerings. "I rely on her to help me with all my dresses and jewelry and shoes."

It was her sister, Atkinson added, who introduced her to the Dao Fournier jewelry collection featured at Underwood's. Created

by Ponte Vedra resident Lucy Price and her twin sister, Kimberly Gibson, the collection features bold, geometric designs featuring diamonds, yellow and white gold, quartz and more.

"I wore some (Dao Fournier) jewelry to the Meridian Ball in Washington DC," Atkinson noted.

Price, who was on hand to assist Atkinson in selecting her jewelry, said the actress's visit was well-timed.

"I'm thrilled to have a chance to meet Jayne and show her some of our newest pieces coming in for fall," she said.

Aided by Price and the Underwood's staff, Atkinson ultimately selected two Dao Fournier rings and a pair of earrings to wear to the Emmy Awards, which will be presented Sunday, Sept. 18 and broadcast live on ABC.

"I'm so pleased that Underwood's was able to help Jayne prepare for such an important event," Manager John Rutkowski said.



Actress Jayne Atkinson, Underwood's Manager John Rutkowski and jewelry designer Lucy Price

## Mission House to host 6th Annual 'Compassion by the Sea' benefit

Mission House will hold its 6th annual "Compassion by the Sea" benefit Friday, Sept. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the newly renovated Atlantic Beach Country Club.

The nonprofit organization's only major fundraiser of the year, "Compassion by the Sea" will include food, complimentary beer and wine and music by POPZ. The benefit will also feature live and silent auctions, including a special experience with one of the "50 Most Influential

People in Jacksonville," Channel 4 Sports Director/Managing Editor Sam Kouvaris.

Other auction items include a one-week stay for up to six people at a condo at Cinnamon Beach in Palm Coast; a two-hour private wine tasting class at Total Wine; an 18-hole round of golf at Queen's Harbour; and a two-hour private shopping event at Denim & Soul. Contributions will be used to fund the programs and services the Jacksonville Beach-

based organization provides to the Beaches area homeless population.

Executive Director Lori Anderson noted that Mission House is the sole facility at the Beaches to serve the needs of the homeless.

"We are the only answer for adults who find themselves homeless in the Beaches area," Anderson said. "We provide more than two hot meals a day, a fresh pair of clothes, and showers; we offer case management, where our clients meet one-on-one

with our certified case managers to obtain identification, sources of income, housing, substance abuse referrals, medical assistance through our clinic, and many other solutions for our neighbors in need."

"Compassion by the Sea" tickets are \$100 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 241-6767 or visit [www.missionhousejax.org/compassionbythesea](http://www.missionhousejax.org/compassionbythesea).

**SHORT TAKES**

**Players by the Sea to present dramatic reading of 'All the Angels Come'**

Players by the Sea will present a dramatic reading and performance of "All the Angels Come" Friday, Aug. 26 and Saturday, Aug. 27 at 8 p.m.

Originally written in novel format by Jim Alabiso and set in the River City, it was adapted for the stage for a public staged reading by Barbara Colaciello. This dramatic staged reading of Part I will be scored by the Bold City Contemporary Ensemble. The "All the Angels Come" art series by MWill will be auctioned and prints will be available for sale. Proceeds will finance the project and supply needed goods to homeless community members.

General admission is \$15; senior, student and military admission is \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at (904) 249-0289 or visit [www.playersbythesea.org](http://www.playersbythesea.org).

Players by the Sea is located at 106 Sixth St. N., Jacksonville Beach.

**COA Championship Golf Tournament and Gala**

The 2016 Council on Aging Championship Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Aug. 29 at World Golf Village's Slammer and Squire, 2 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.

A Captain's Choice event, the COA Championship Golf Tournament is one of the premier golf events in the North Florida area.

The 2016 COA Gala will be held on Sunday Aug. 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at River House, 179 Marine St., St. Augustine. Highlights of the gala include dinner and cocktails overlooking the Matanzas River and live and silent auctions with unique art, gift, entertainment and travel items.

Tickets for the gala are \$85 per person. For more information, call Jane Faybik at the Council on Aging at (904) 209-3687.

**The BookMark 26th birthday party**

The BookMark will celebrate its 26th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m.

to 6 p.m. The day's activities will kick off with a 9 a.m. story time with Miss Pat, suitable for children ages 3-8. Festivities throughout the day will include treats, chances to win prizes and opportunities to socialize. The BookMark is located at 220 First St. in Neptune Beach.

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<p><b>Ask the Expert: 'Living Heart Healthy'</b> Ask the Expert: "Living Heart Healthy" will take place Aug. 25 at noon at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane. Join certified Clinical Exercise Physiologist Sara Holloway from Baptist Medical Center Beaches to learn what cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and BMI indicators can tell us about heart health and how we can improve these values through lifestyle modification to prevent a heart attack. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat at <a href="http://baptistjax.com/ymca">baptistjax.com/ymca</a> or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p><b>Senior Life &amp; Education Day</b> Seniors are invited to attend Senior Life Network's Senior Life &amp; Education Day Thursday, Aug. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Nocatee Community Center, 245 Crosswater Parkway, Ponte Vedra Beach. The event will include resources and information for seniors about health, lifestyle, and financial and legal options as well as health screenings and complimentary consultations. Complimentary food and beverages will be served; there is no charge to attend. For information or to RSVP, call (904) 491-2166.</p> <p><b>Concerts in the Plaza</b> The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues Aug. 25 with a performance by Rob Ellis Peck &amp; Friends live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit <a href="http://www.concertsintheplaza.com">www.concertsintheplaza.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Ponte Vedra Woman's Club</b> The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club will hold an evening reception for prospective members on Thursday, Aug. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of club President Teri Ellis. To RSVP and get directions, call Ann Marie Hubbard at (904) 322-7474 or email <a href="mailto:pinkhubb@gmail.com">pinkhubb@gmail.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>EDC Quarterly Breakfast</b> The Economic Development Council (EDC) Quarterly Breakfast Friday, Aug. 26 will examine St. Johns County transportation and infrastructure improvement. The event is from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at The Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, 500 S. Legacy Trail, St. Augustine. The cost is \$30 for members; \$40 for non-members and \$40 at the door. For more information or to register for the event, visit <a href="http://www.stjohnscountychamber.com">www.stjohnscountychamber.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Cultural Center's 'Friends for the Arts'</b> Become a "Friend." The Cultural Center recently recreated a new volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the arts. Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters in Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote The Cultural Center and the arts in the community. More than 50 volunteer art supporters have already joined. Make a difference in our community. For more information visit <a href="http://www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts">www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts</a>.</p> <p><b>Coastal Wine Market wine tasting</b> Coastal Wine Market's Friday Night wine tasting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Taste six wines for \$10. Coastal Wine Market is located at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p><b>For The Love of Driving</b> Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. Transportation needs range from trips to the grocery store and classes to spousal hospital visits or social activities. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging, (904) 315-6505, or email Katie Arnold at <a href="mailto:karnold@stjohnscoa.com">karnold@stjohnscoa.com</a>.</p> <p><b>'All the Angels Come' dramatic reading</b> Players by the Sea presents a dramatic reading and performance of "All the Angels Come" Friday, Aug. 26 and Saturday, Aug. 27 at 8 p.m. General admission is \$15; senior, student and military admission is \$10. For tickets, call the box office at (904) 249-0289 or visit <a href="http://www.playersbythesea.org">www.playersbythesea.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Katz 4 Keeps Adoption Days</b> Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email <a href="mailto:katz4keeps.org">katz4keeps.org</a>. Katz 4 Keeps, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, is looking for adults 18 or older to become members of its clean and feed program that ensures the shelter's rescue cats, kittens and facilities have the best of care. For more information, please contact Peggy Hatfield, program coordinator, at <a href="mailto:peggyhatfield63@comcast.net">peggyhatfield63@comcast.net</a></p> <p><b>The BookMark 26th birthday party</b> The BookMark will celebrate its 26th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The day's activities will kick off with a 9 a.m. story time with Miss Pat, suitable for children ages 3-8. Coffee will be available for adults. Festivities throughout the day will include treats, chances to win prizes and opportunities to socialize. The BookMark is located at 220 First St. in Neptune Beach. For more information, call (904) 241-9026 or visit <a href="http://www.bookmarkbeach.com">www.bookmarkbeach.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Mayport Village Story Tellers</b> The Beaches Museum &amp; History Park presents Mayport Village Story Tellers Saturday, Aug. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Beaches Museum lobby. The event will feature three storytellers that will spin tales of life and adventure in the village as part of the museum's current exhibit, "Mayport Village: On the River of Change." Refreshments will be available. The event is free to museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. For additional information, call (904) 241-5657 or visit <a href="http://www.beachmuseum.org">www.beachmuseum.org</a>.</p> <p><b>'National Parks Adventure 3D' at IMAX</b> World Golf Village IMAX Theater will hold two screenings of "National Parks Adventure 3D" Saturday, Aug. 27. National Park rangers from several area parks will give ranger talks prior to each screening. Ranger talks begin at 10 a.m., followed by the film at 10:45 a.m., and again at 11:30 a.m. followed by the film at 12:15 p.m. Call (904) 940-4133 or visit <a href="http://www.worldgolfimax.com">www.worldgolfimax.com</a> for more information.</p>	<p><b>'Secret of My Success'</b> The Florida Theatre presents "Secret of My Success" Sunday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. as part of the theatre's Summer Movie Classic Series. Tickets are \$7.50. Visit <a href="http://www.floridatheatre.com">www.floridatheatre.com</a> to purchase tickets or call (904) 355-2787 for more information. The Florida Theatre is located at 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga</b> Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p><b>Collection Tour</b> Join the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Travel Training Program</b> The Council on Aging's Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging at (904) 315-6505 or email Katie Arnold at <a href="mailto:karnold@stjohnscoa.com">karnold@stjohnscoa.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Annual Activity Member</b> Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center. Membership includes discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and Coastal Travel along with complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities. Call Darlene Mahany at (904) 280-3233 for more information.</p>

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<p><b>Caregiver Support Group</b> The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p><b>Darwin &amp; Dinosaurs</b> The Museum of Science and History (MOSH) presents Darwin &amp; Dinosaurs now through Sept. 5 at MOSH located at 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. The exhibition features full-size dinosaur skeletons, scientific instruments, original letters and first editions of Darwin's main works, including "On the Origin of Species." For more information, call (904) 396-MOSH or visit <a href="http://www.themosh.org">www.themosh.org</a>.</p> <p><b>First Coast Plein Air Painters exhibition</b> The First Coast Plein Air Painters will have its Summer Members' Exhibition and Sale through Sept. 2 at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, 50 Executive Way. For more information, call (904) 304-9631 or visit <a href="http://www.ccpvb.org">www.ccpvb.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Habitat for Humanity volunteers</b> Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit <a href="http://habitatst-johns.org">habitatst-johns.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Sunshine Center Volunteers</b> The adult day center located in the Coastal Community Center at 180 Marine St., St. Augustine, is seeking creative volunteers to assist with simple arts and crafts projects with seniors Mondays through Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Call (904) 209-3686 for more information.</p>	<p><b>Tapas Tuesday</b> The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Café. Every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on the Cummer Café patio, take in the sunset while listening to local musicians with beer, wine, or artfully-inspired tapas for sale at the café. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cummermuseum.org">www.cummermuseum.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Free Bridge Lessons</b> Free beginning bridge lessons are available at the Jacksonville School of Bridge, 3353 Washburn Road., Jacksonville Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lessons start 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. This is followed by an actual game at 10:30 a.m. and ends by 2:15 p.m. Contact Burt O'Dell at (352) 428-1075 for more information.</p> <p><b>Sunset Rotary Club weekly meeting</b> The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email <a href="mailto:jwhart1208@gmail.com">jwhart1208@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group</b> The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit <a href="http://www.at-pontevedra.com">www.at-pontevedra.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Recovery Support</b> Free mental health support is available to the public facilitated by Georgia/Florida Certified Peer Specialist Whitney Bolin. Sessions are by appointment only Monday through Friday; call (770) 403-4991 or email <a href="mailto:whitneybat76@gmail.com">whitneybat76@gmail.com</a>. Bolin also facilitates a mental health recovery group at Flagler Hospital from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday.</p>	<p><b>PV Professionals Networking Group</b> The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets the second, third and fourth Wednesday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month, the group hosts an after-work social mixer. Meeting locations vary; for more information, call Dave at (904) 248-9871 or visit <a href="http://www.pvpng.com">www.pvpng.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters</b> The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Senior Center, located at 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Carmen J. Sardiñas at (904) 382-3303 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p><b>Music by the Sea concert series</b> The Music by the Sea concert series takes place every Wednesday through Oct. 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach Pier, 350 A1A Beach Blvd. On Aug. 31, Those Guys will perform. The concerts are free; guests can purchase a dinner plate for \$10 from the sponsoring restaurant. Food is served at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call (904) 347-8007 or visit <a href="http://www.augustine.com/event/music-sea">www.augustine.com/event/music-sea</a>.</p> <p><b>Goo Goo Dolls concert</b> The Goo Goo Dolls with special guests Collective Soul and Tribe Society will perform Aug. 31 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Gates open at 5 p.m.; show starts at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.50 and are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, <a href="http://ticketmaster.com">ticketmaster.com</a> and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Live Music at Table 1</b> Table 1 at 330 A1A N. will host Billy Bowers live starting at 6 p.m. for Wine Down Wednesday.</p>	<p><b>Concerts in the Plaza</b> The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series concludes Sept. 1 with a performance by Lonesome Bert &amp; The Skinny Lizards live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. 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For tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit <a href="http://www.alhambrajax.com">www.alhambrajax.com</a>.</p> <p><b>'Songs of Color' exhibition preview</b> Cutter &amp; Cutter Fine Art Ponte Vedra Beach will host an artist's meet &amp; greet Thursday, Sept. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. for the gallery's new "Songs of Color" exhibition featuring the work of artist Simon Bull. Cutter &amp; Cutter is located in the Sawgrass Village shopping center at 333 Village Main St., #640. For more information, call (904) 810-0460 or (904) 395-3759.</p> <p><b>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to <a href="mailto:carrie@opcfla.com">carrie@opcfla.com</a>, post online at <a href="http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com">www.pontevedrarecorder.com</a> using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</b></p>

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# New club for Jewish teens aims to empower, guide youth

## Kickoff event to feature Pokemon Go-inspired games

By Carrie Resch

A program for teens is helping local Jewish youth make the transition to adulthood and become active participants in their synagogue and community at large.

CTeen, which stands for Chabad Teen Network, is based on a national program that focuses on a comprehensive curriculum based on a three-part framework: education, humanitarianism and social skills. Scheduled to begin Sept. 18, the program aims to provide a deeper and more advanced Jewish education and act as part of teens' Bar/Bat Mitzvah training, as well as a monthly get-together for young teens.

Chabad at the Beaches launched a local chapter of the teen program about seven years ago, but how active the program has been over that time depended on the amount of youth that fell into the age group of about 11-15. This year, the program has picked up steam with a new group coming of age.

"We feel that it's a need for the community – to fill the need of those kids who come to synagogue and feel lost and they don't know where to go," said Rabbi Eli Wilansky, the club's director. "We want them to understand and be part of the community during services and other aspects that we do in our daily life – especially in the synagogue, to understand what the prayer is all about and how to pray."



Photos Courtesy of Chabad at the Beaches

**A kickoff event for the 2016 CTeen program will take place Sept. 18. The event will feature Pokemon Go-inspired games and other activities.**

The CTeen program is designed to bring teens together, help them learn about themselves and give back to the community. An extension of Hebrew school, the program will include one monthly outing or in-house activity and run for the length of the school year.

To make the kickoff event fun and relatable to children, Wilansky said, some of the event's activities will be based on a theme already popular among teens – Pokemon Go. But instead of catching Pokemon, the teens will play "Gotta Catch All the Mitzvahs Scavenger Hunt" and "The Kabbalah and Torah of Pokemon Go."

CTeen will hold its 2016 inaugural kickoff event Sunday, Sept. 18 at 9:45 a.m. at Chabad at the Beaches, 521 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach. The



**The CTeen program will feature a monthly outing or in-house activity. Past outings have included paintball, bowling and a trip to Batt Family Fun Center.**

event will feature brunch, games and other activities. Parents are welcome. For more information, call (904) 535-

9193 or visit [www.chabadbeaches.com/cteen](http://www.chabadbeaches.com/cteen) for more information about CTeen events.

# Inspired by book, Bolles students collect dresses for girls in Guatemala



Bolles School courtesy photo

**Inspired by a book they read, Bolles students collected dresses for donation to children in Guatemala.**

A group of moms and daughters from the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus proved summer reading can be life-changing after being inspired to do good because of the lessons learned through a book club.

Inspired by a book the group read, the rising fourth grade girls and their mothers collected dresses to be donated to girls in Guatemala, where an estimated 75 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

The book that inspired the group to action was Eleanor Estes' Newbery Honor-winning book, "The Hundred Dresses." The book follows a young Polish girl named Wanda, who is bullied by her American peers at school because she wears the same faded blue dress to school every day. Though she

claims she has several more dresses at home, her classmates call her bluff and tease her without remorse – until one day, Wanda is pulled out of school. Though it's too late for apologies, former classmate Maddie decides she'll never again stand idly by when she sees a classmate being bullied.

"The message of acceptance and of not teasing someone for being different is a valuable lesson for us all," said Pat Sonn, who helped organize and host the summer reading group.

Kathy Rawlins, a language arts curriculum and learning specialist at Bolles who provided books and a guide for the discussion group, said she was touched by the group's efforts and understanding of the message, as well as their commitment to doing good.

"This makes my heart proud," she said.



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The band Sidereal entertains visitors to the Nocatee Farmer's Market.

# Nocatee Farmer's Market celebrates 'Sounds of Summer'

Attendees at Saturday's Nocatee Farmer's Market enjoyed the sounds of summer, as reggae-rock band Sidereal performed a special free concert.

The band has headlined several successful clubs and theatrical tours in Florida, playing numerous sold-out shows and supporting such national

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PVPV/Rawl-ings welcomes parents and students for the annual "Meet the Teacher" event.

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# OPE, PVPV/Rawl-ings welcome families back to school

Both Ocean Palms and PVPV/Rawl-ings elementary schools hosted special events recently to welcome both new and returning students to the start of another school year.

Ocean Palms Elementary held its annual "Meet the Teacher" event at the start of the school's 20th year, as Principal Jessica Richardson began her third year as principal. Students and their families were welcomed by their former teachers, met their new teachers and visited informational tables staffed by Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) volunteers. The PTO also orga-

nized a book fair, school spirit apparel boutique, school supply purchases and more.

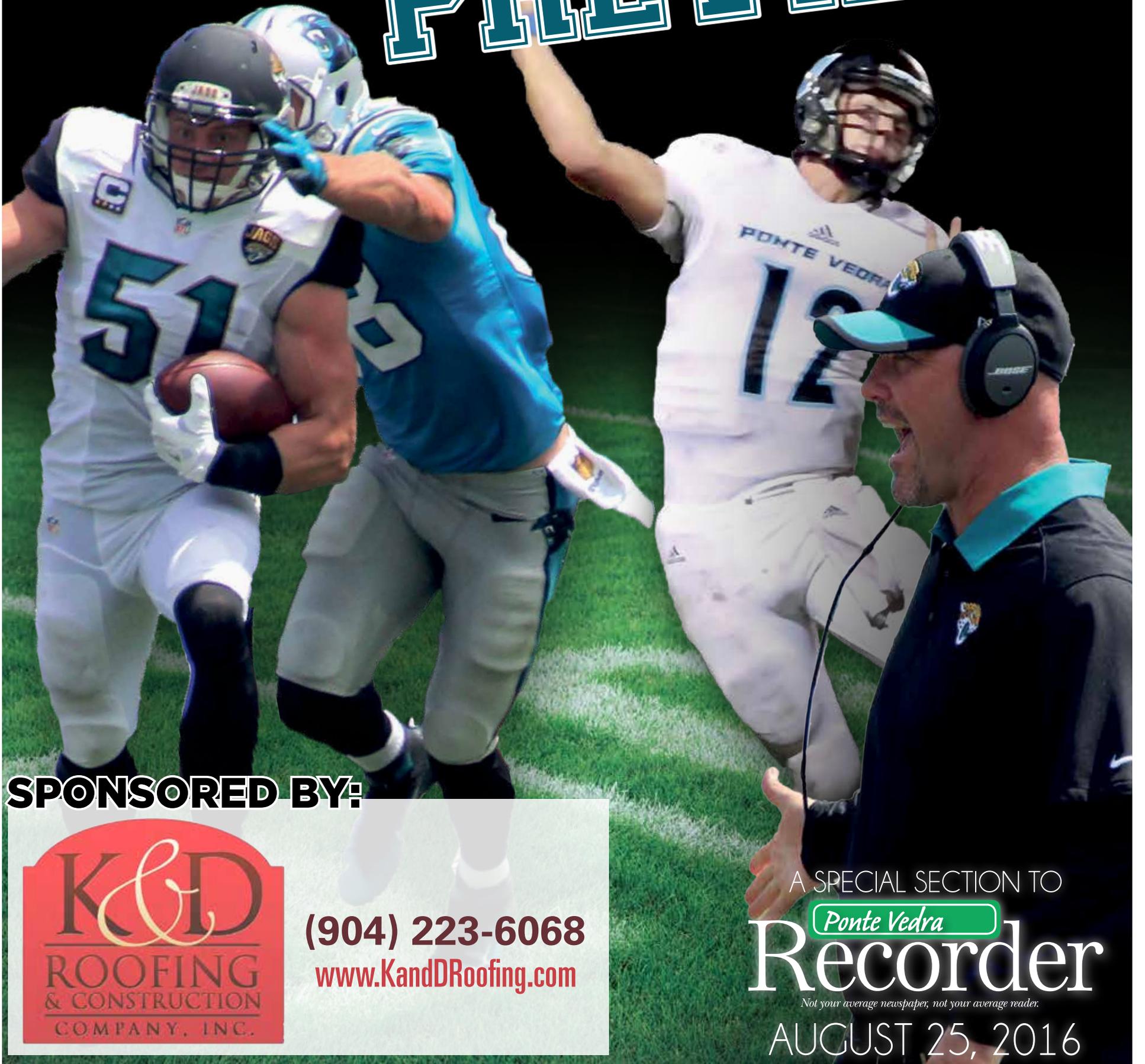
PVPV/Rawl-ings Elementary and the school's PTO also hosted a "Meet the Teacher" event during which students and families met with their new teachers ahead of the school year, featuring tables set up highlighting volunteer opportunities and PTO-hosted events. The PTO donated student planners to all third to fifth grade students and newly designed "spirit wear" featuring the sea turtle logo was available to order.

On Monday, Aug. 15, both Ocean Palms and PVPV/Rawl-ings elementary schools held their annual "BooHoo WooHoo" breakfast and coffee events for new parents.

At PVPV/Rawl-ings, Principal Catherine Van Housen welcomed the parents and spoke about the school. PTO President Emily Stephens thanked the parents who attended and helped coordinate the event while welcoming new parents to the PVPV/Rawl-ings family, noting that the intention of the event was to make the transition into the school year easier.

At Ocean Palms Elementary, food was provided by Chick-fil-A, one of the school's Partners in Education. Members of the PTO also shared information with the new students' parents, including an invitation to the upcoming British Tea Party, tickets for which can be purchased at [www.oceanpalmschoolpto.org](http://www.oceanpalmschoolpto.org).

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The Jacksonville Jaguars defense looks solid heading into 2016, with veterans, free agents and draft picks ready to contribute. (Photo by Rick Wilson/Jacksonville Jaguars)

# Jaguars begin 2016 campaign looking for playoff spot

**By Mike Bonts**

The Jacksonville Jaguars begin their NFL regular season at home Sept. 11 against Green Bay. Expectations are high this year – for players, coaches and fans. Some media even have them winning the AFC South.

The offense will be led by QB Blake Bortles. Last season, he threw for 4,428 yards with 35 touchdowns. Veteran Chad Henne is expected to backup Bortles, whose favorite targets last season were second-year receivers Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns.

Robinson led the club with 80 receptions for 1,400 yards and 14 touch-

downs. Hurns had 64 catches, 1,031 yards and 10 scores. It marked just the fifth time in franchise history that a pair of receivers both topped the 1,000-yard plateau in a single season.

Receiver Marqise Lee is also in his third season. Rashad Greene missed seven games last year due to an injury. Julius Thomas and Marcedes Lewis are the tight ends.

The hit and miss ground game will be bolstered by former New York Jets running back Chris Ivory, who put together his best season as a pro last year as a member of the Jets. He combined

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Last season, Allen Robinson led the Jacksonville Jaguars with 80 receptions for 1,400 yards and 14 touchdowns. (Photo by Rick Wilson/Jacksonville Jaguars)

## Jaguars

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for 1,287 yards and nine touchdowns and averaged 4.65 yards per touch, catching and running the ball. T.J. Yeldon, Denard Robinson and Ivory should give the Jaguars a formidable running attack.

The defense looks solid, with veterans and draft picks ready to contribute, including rookies Myles Jack and Jalen Ramsey, along with free agents Malik Jackson and Tashaun Gipson, the reliable Paul Posluszny, and Dante Fowler Jr., who missed last season with an ACL after being drafted in 2015.

Jackson, a Super Bowl-winning defensive lineman, signed a six-year, \$90-million contract. The Jaguars' secondary improved with the additions of corner Prince Amukamara. They also added defensive-line depth in Yannick Ngakoue and Sheldon Day, taken in the third and fourth rounds, respectively.

Tackle Kelvin Beachum, formerly of the Pittsburgh Steelers, has joined the Jaguars. If he is healthy, Luke Joeckl, the No. 2 overall pick in 2013 out of Texas A&M, could be moved. Brandon Linder is in line to become center.

The Jaguars signed free agent offensive lineman Jacques McClendon last week.

McClendon, 28, played for the Jaguars in 2013-14. Wide receiver Rasheed Bailey was waived to make room for McClendon. Jeremy Parnell and rookie A.J. Cann will both be looking for playing time on the offensive line.

Kicker Jason Myers was inconsistent as a rookie but did make three of four field goals from beyond 50 yards.

The schedule has three of the first four games at home, including the Colts in London. They also finish with a very favorable slate that includes road games in Detroit and Buffalo, followed by home dates with Denver and Minnesota before facing their three AFC South rivals to close the season.

The AFC South was the weakest division in the NFL in last season. The Jaguars should gain ground on the Colts and Texans. After winning just eight games the past two seasons, many are expecting them to win more than that in 2016.

The Jaguars finished 25th in Football Outsiders' DVOA per-play metric and 31st in Jeff Sagarin's ratings at USA Today. They were 5-11 and lost five of their last six games.

# GRIDIRON RIVALS Notre Dame to meet Navy Nov. 5 at EverBank Field

By Mike Bonts

The 2016 Navy-Notre Dame game will be played at EverBank Field on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The annual matchup is the longest continuous intersectional rivalry in the country, with this game marking the 90th consecutive meeting between the two schools. This will be the third time that

Navy has played a game in Jacksonville.

The Mids played regular season games against Georgia Tech at the Gator Bowl in 1964 and again in 1973. It'll be Notre Dame's first scheduled trip to Florida since 2014's narrow loss at Florida State in Tallahassee, and the rivalry's first game in the Sunshine State since the Irish defeated Navy, 45-14, on Oct. 14, 2000 in Orlando.

The Navy game will be Notre Dame's

second game in an NFL stadium this season, joining the road game at Syracuse at MetLife Stadium on Oct. 1.

Last season, Notre Dame defeated Navy 41-24 at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish have won five consecutive games in the historic series.

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The annual Navy-Notre Dame game is the longest, continuous intersectional rivalry in the country, with this game marking the 90th consecutive meeting. (Photo by Notre Dame Sports Information)

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Kick-off is at 11:30 a.m. and will be televised nationally on CBS. Tickets for the 2016 game are on sale to the public at [jacksonvillesportscouncil.com](http://jacksonvillesportscouncil.com).

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# Jacksonville Jaguars drop preseason opener to Jets, 17-13

By Mike Bonts

The New York Jets came back to edge the Jacksonville Jaguars 17-13 in NFL the preseason opener for both clubs at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

Former Jets running back Chris Ivory scored from a yard out in the opening quarter. Ivory, who spent three seasons with New York, had six carries for 26 yards.

Jaguars starting QB Blake Bortles finished six for seven for 105 yards. He played two series before giving way to Chad Henne, who completed eight of nine passes for 94 yards.

“We want to come out and be sharp with our operation in and out of the huddle, no mental errors, lining up correctly, shifts and motions, and all that,” Bortles said. “And, obviously take care of the ball. I thought for the most part it was good. We will correct some things when we get back.”

Wide receiver Allen Robinson had three receptions for 80 yards.

“For us, I think it is about us owning the offense and honing into our assignments,” Robinson said. “For us, it is about knowing what we want to get accomplished and that is starting fast... making sure we are familiar with our plays and assignments and communicating and all that.”

Jason Myers' second field goal extended Jacksonville's lead to 13-7 with 1:11 left in the first half.

In the final minute of the game rookie QB Brandon Allen took the Jaguars 64 yards to the New York 14-yard line. Jets rookie cornerback Doug Middleton picked off a deflected pass in the end zone with 12 seconds to play.

A sixth-round selection in this year's draft, Allen played the entire second half, completing 10 of 19 passes and finished with 138 passing yards and one interception.

The Jaguars outgained the Jets, 415-284, in total net yardage and totaled 96 net rushing yards. The Jaguars defensive front only allowed 56 net rushing yards on 20 carries, limiting the Jets to 2.8 yards-per-carry compared to the Jaguars' 3.8 rush average.

Jets' QB Geno Smith threw a go-ahead 17-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Charone Peake. The Jets trailed 10-0 after the first quarter.

Starting QB Ryan Fitzpatrick finished three for four for 72 yards. Bilal Powell scored from 4 yards out on the first play of the second quarter. New York rookie wide receiver Jalin Marshall returned a kickoff 84 yards to the Jacksonville 18-yard line in the final minutes of the second quarter.

Sack Squad: Rookie defensive end Yannick Ngakoue brought down Jets QB Ryan Fitzpatrick on New York's opening drive. Ngakoue set Maryland's single-season sack record in 2015, totaling 13.5 sacks en route to first-team All-Big Ten honors. Second-year defensive tackle Michael Bennett and free agent acquisition Bjoern Werner each added a sack for the Jaguars.



Photos by Rick Wilson/Jacksonville Jaguars

Despite the 17-13 loss to the Jets, the Jaguars outgained New York, 415-284, in total net yardage and totaled 96 net rushing yards.



Wide receiver Allen Hurns, No. 88, hauled in a 13-yard catch in Thursday's preseason game against the Jets. He was stopped one yard short of the end zone on the reception.

## Jets game notes

Rookie defensive end Tyrone Holmes led the team with two special teams tackles... Second-year kicker Jason Myers, fourth-year cornerback Dwayne Gratz and second-year linebacker Thurston Armbrister each added a special teams tackle against the Jets... Third-year linebacker Telvin Smith led the team with five solo tackles, while second-year defensive tackle Richard Ash and fourth-year safety Josh Evans each added four tackles, tied for the second-most on the team... The Jaguars registered three passes defended against the Jets.

Up next: The Jaguars will host the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in both club's second preseason game Saturday at EverBank Field. The Buccaneers had a pretty good game against the Philadelphia Eagles in their opener despite losing 17-6. Last year in the regular season, the Bucs defeated the Jacksonville 38-31 behind 123 yards and two touchdowns rushing by Doug Martin.

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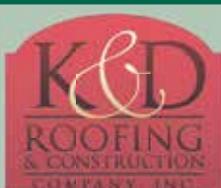


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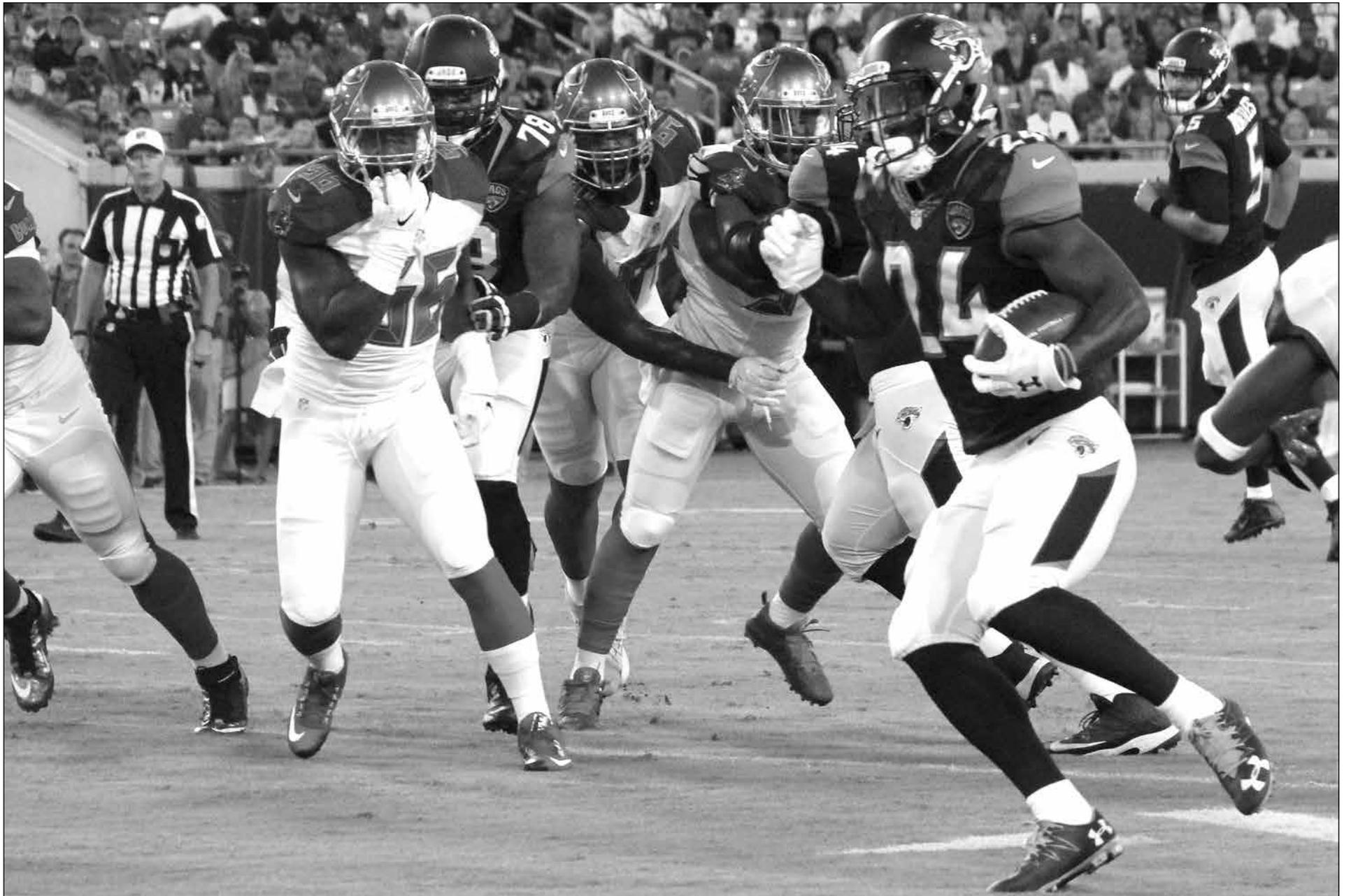
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Jacksonville Jaguars running back T.J. Yeldon, No. 24, capped the Jaguars' second offensive possession with a 14-yard touchdown catch from Blake Bortles.

## Four interceptions help Tampa Bay seal preseason win

By Mike Bonts

Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie cornerback and former Florida Gator Vernon Hargreaves intercepted two passes as the Buccaneers recorded a 27-21 NFL preseason victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars Saturday night at EverBank Field.

Trailing 14-7, the Bucs (1-1) scored on a five-yard TD pass from backup QB Mike Glennon to Mike James with 23 seconds left in the first half. Hargreaves' first interception then set up a 28-yard field goal for a 17-14 halftime lead.

The Bucs picked off four passes, including one by rookie safety Ryan Smith to clinch the win in the final two minutes.

"Well, it's great to get points, but we should have had more," noted Bucs head coach Dirk Koetter. "We should have had more on that first drive coming away with nothing after getting all the way down there. But we did some good things. That was a heck of a play by Vernon

[Hargreaves III] right there to give us another one; we'll always take that."

The Jaguars (0-2) had taken a 14-7 lead on two TD passes to T.J. Yeldon and Allen Hurns by QB Blake Bortles, who was 8-for-11 for 84 yards. Hurns hauled in a 24-yard TD pass to finish off an 11-play, 80-yard scoring drive. Hurns recorded 10 TD receptions in 2015 and his 1,707 receiving yards and 16 receiving touchdowns are the most by an undrafted player in his first two NFL seasons since the 1970 merger.

Third-year wide receiver Allen Robinson finished with four catches for 34 yards against the Buccaneers. Through two preseason games, Robinson has totaled seven receptions for 114 yards.

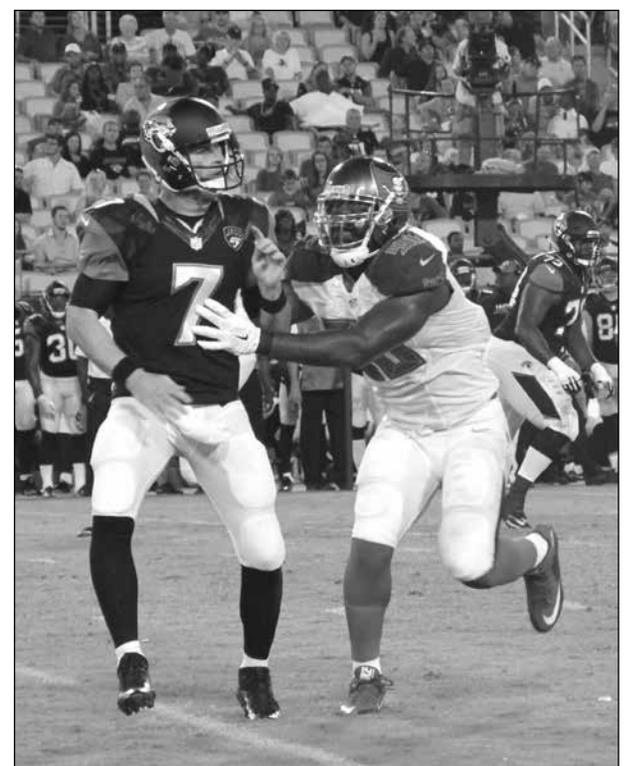
"I thought both of them did a really good job," Bortles said of Hurns and Robinson. "They are obviously two guys who kind of make our offense go. They are the play-makers that can go up and make a big play at any moment. I thought

we did a good job of kind of feeding each one of them the ball and letting them make the plays."

Yeldon capped the Jaguars' second offensive possession with a 14-yard touchdown reception. Through two preseason games, Yeldon and running mate Chris Ivory have combined for 92 yards rushing on 18 carries. Both have been able to reach the end zone with Ivory rushing for a 1-yard TD against the Jets.

"The better they are, the better the passing game is going to be," Bortles said. "Those two are going to be a hell of a duo. The offensive line did a really good job letting those guys run and making holes for them. The better those guys are, the more we're going to be able to be successful with play-action and in the passing game."

Tamp Bay QB Jameis Winston was 3-for-10 for 28 yards. In the second quarter, Winston led a 14-



Jacksonville backup QB Chad Henne, No. 7, pressured by the Bucs defense threw two interceptions to Vernon Hargreaves. The first set up the go-ahead score. Tampa Bay would hold on to the lead and ultimately win, 27-21.

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## Jaguars, city break ground on new field, venue at EverBank Field

By Mike Bonts

The Jacksonville Jaguars officially broke ground on a brand new amphitheater and covered flex field adjacent to EverBank Field Aug. 19.

To be known as Daily's Place through Daily's multiyear partnership with the city and the Jaguars, the new facility represents phase two of the \$90 million investment in EverBank Field that may be the beginning of more renovations and upgrades. The first phase included the improvements to the U.S. Assure Club and the creation of a new south end zone super-tunnel that serves as a new field entrance. The second phase is expected to be completed in May 2017.

"I think we are going to have a great venue for entertainment and more reasons for people to come to town and generate revenue for the city and have a

great time in the process," Jaguars owner Shad Khan said. "It's one of the best in the business, and it delivers value for the people who are supporting the Jaguars. It's raising the bar on how you enjoy football."

The addition will house the new 5,500-person capacity amphitheater and 94,000-square foot covered flex field, as well as a luxurious back-of-house artist building. The structure will reside under a roof that covers both venues.

The state-of-the-art amphitheater has been designed with both audience and performers in mind. Audience sight lines, sound and video technology have been given consideration to ensure an optimal event experience for attendees. The back-of-house artist building includes multiple artist dressing rooms, lounges and VIP guest meet-and-greet space as

well as laundry and dining facilities.

The idea, officials said, is to create a cohesive environment for events and festivals to use the entire stadium premises. At the ground level, the new south end zone field super-tunnel will lead to a new central bar connected to the amphitheater entrance. The existing Bud Light Party Zone and Terrace Suite areas will now be linked to the amphitheater's elevated seating decks via access bridges at each level.

The covered flex field, meanwhile, includes a regulation-size football field with more than 20 feet of auxiliary space around the artificial playing surface. At its highest point along the 50-yard-line, the roof will rise nearly 80 feet. When the doors are closed to the flex field, the space is fully climate controlled.

The design was conceived in col-

laboration with architects from Populous and will be built by the team from Hunt+Danis. Populous also designed the newly renovated U.S. Assure Club and the new south end zone tunnel.

Hunt Construction Group has been involved in ongoing renovations to the stadium for more than 20 years. Danis, a locally based construction company, has completed several projects around Jacksonville.

Apparently the \$90 million investment is just the beginning if the city wants to "keep up with the Joneses" in the NFL.

"We are not going to get to where we want to be without continuing to make upgrades and do things differently," Jaguars President Mark Lampling said. "I think we're making wonderful progress, but we have a long way to go."



City officials join with the Jaguars to break ground on the new event facilities at EverBank Field. From left: Populous Co-Designer Ben Stindt and Project Manager Thom Chuparkoff; Jacksonville City Council Vice President John Crescimbeni; Daily's President and CEO Aubrey Edge; Jacksonville Jaguars Owner Shad Khan; Mayor Lenny Curry; Jax Chamber Chair Audrey Moran; City Councilman Tommy Hazouri; and Danis President Steve Betz.

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9/23	North Florida Christian (Tallahassee, FL)	H	7:00p
9/30	Trinity Christian (Jacksonville, FL)	H	7:00p
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## AFL SEASON IN REVIEW



Photo by David Pearce

The Jacksonville Sharks (7-10) endured a season that ended with an appearance in the American Conference Championship.

## Jacksonville Sharks make it to conference championship, fall to Soul

By Mike Bonts

A tumultuous season for the Jacksonville Sharks ended against the Philadelphia Soul in the Arena Football League (AFL) American Conference Championship, as the Sharks fell by a 55-50 count at PPL Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The Sharks did erase a 15-point second-half deficit against the Soul, but a six-yard touchdown pass from QB Dan Raudabaugh to Darius Reynolds with four seconds left proved the winner.

In the loss, Sharks QB Tommy Grady completed 21 of his 31 passes for 245 yards and six touchdowns against one interception. Joe Hills led the Sharks with 13 catches for 142 yards and five

scores, while Reggie Gray caught five passes for 64 yards and notched the Sharks' other touchdown catch. Derrick Ross totaled nine yards on three carries.

On defense, Micheaux Robinson and LaRoche Jackson each recorded 8.5 total tackles, while Hyland made 3.5 stops to go along with his pick-six. Dexter Jackson notched two solo tackles, a sack and a safety, while Alvin Ray Jackson recorded two tackles and an interception.

In what was the fourth Conference Championship matchup between the teams in the last five seasons, Philadelphia earned its third ArenaBowl berth at the Sharks' expense.

Jacksonville's win in the 2015 conference title game is its lone postseason victory against the Soul, as Philadelphia is the only team to have beaten the Sharks more than once in the playoffs.

That was the kind of season the Sharks (7-10) endured: a coaching change, rallying from early losing skids and having multiple players honored by the league.

Four Sharks earned spots on the AFL's 2016 All-Arena teams. Wide receiver Hills, offensive lineman Cornelius Lewis and defensive back Greg Reid earned First Team honors, while Dexter Jackson was selected to the Second Team.

In July, the Sharks announced that

head coach Les Moss had been fired. Moss was the only head coach since the team's inaugural season in 2010 and is 77-54 overall with the Sharks. Moss is 70-50 during regular season and 7-4 in the playoffs.

During Moss' tenure, the Sharks have made it to two Arenabowls including a 73-70 victory over the Arizona Rattlers in Arena Bowl XXIV in the team's second season, won two American Conference Championships (2011 & 2015) and four South Division titles (2010-2013.)

The past three seasons have fallen short of expectations, with Moss posting a 22-28 regular season record. The Sharks also have not hosted a playoff game since 2013.



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10/8	Miami	A	TBA
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10/29	Clemson	H	TBA
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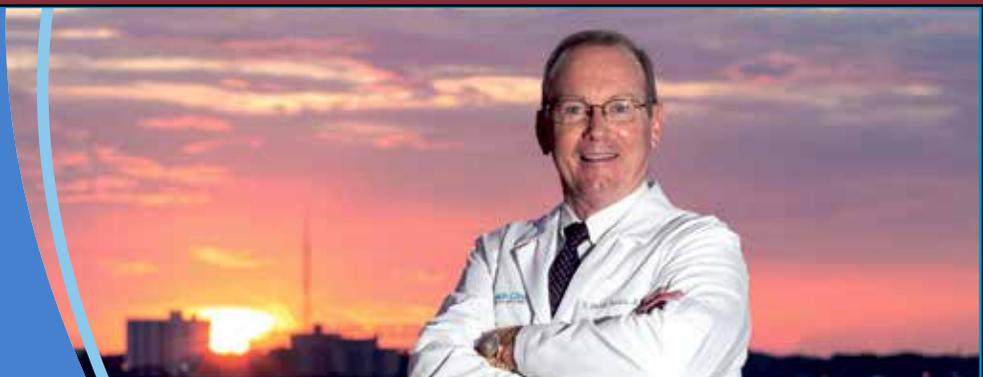
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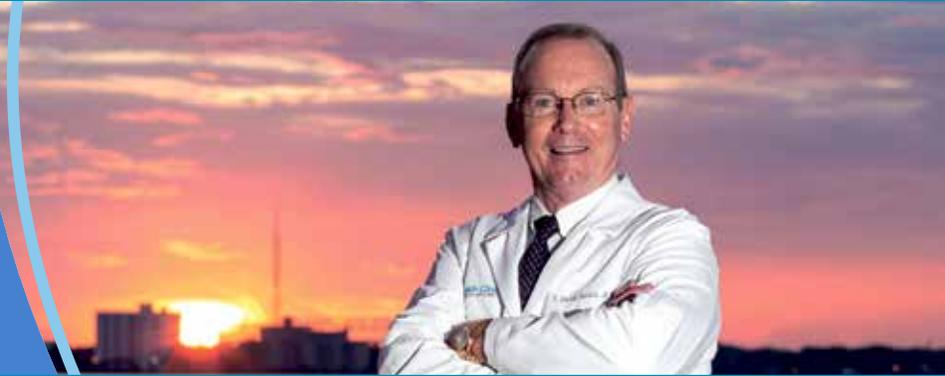
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# FOOTBALL TOWN USA?

## NFL Pro Bowl coming to Orlando as city bags big-time games

By Mike Bonts

Despite being sandwiched between two of Florida's three NFL cities, Orlando is earning a reputation of becoming Football Town USA.

While other cities also spend millions on stadium renovations, Florida Citrus Sports (FCS) has been able to capitalize on upgrades, a new stadium name and keen marketing insight to go along with the allure of Orlando as a football destination.

Camping World is the new title sponsor of Orlando's football stadium and the high-profile upcoming college football kickoff game series, beginning with Florida State and Ole Miss on Sept. 5 and the next NFL Pro Bowl.

This goes along with not one, but three, post-season bowl games, an annual game between two historically black universities since 1976 and the first NFL pre-season game since 1996.

"We have absolutely seen support in the community with Camping World Stadium's new look and functionality," said FCS Director of Communications Greg Creese. "Orlando has reaped the benefits of reconstruction in the form of new events – from agreeing to bring the NFL's Pro Bowl and a preseason Dolphins game, to big time concerts like the Rolling Stones and Guns 'N Roses... in addition to the annual bowl games, MLS soccer games and the other events that have been on the calendar."

As far as what sets Orlando apart, there are a number of things.

"Orlando is arguably the premier convention city in the country, and with that comes a ton of hotel rooms at all levels of luxury and affordability," added Creese. "We have premium dining and entertainment options and an airport that can handle as much traffic efficiently as virtually any in the world."

The stadium underwent a \$207.7 million reconstruction in 2014, re-opening as a state-of-the art venue ready to host world class events. Fans have raved about the amenities at the new stadium, which include wider aisles and chair-back seats with more legroom in an all-new lower bowl. Club spaces,



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**Last year's Russell Athletic Bowl was the most prolific offensively in the history of the bowl as Baylor exploded for 756 yards of total offense, setting six offensive records en route to a 49-38 win over North Carolina.**

loge boxes and a 20,000-square-foot deck highlight a new plaza level that circles the entire stadium.

Florida Citrus Sports also hosted Florida State football's 2016 Spring Game. Besides American football, Orlando City Soccer MLS and the Orlando Pride NWSL teams are playing their 2016 seasons in the stadium. And in April 2017, Camping World Stadium will become the first stadium in the country to host WWE Wrestlemania for a second time.

"For residents of Florida, Orlando is a hub that is located almost dead-center of the state, so it is more accessible for those driving than most cities," Creese said. "We have long felt that a revitalized stadium was the missing puzzle piece for our community and that is how things have worked out."

The qualifications for being named Football Town USA are impressive:

The Florida State Seminoles will play the Ole Miss Rebels on Labor Day. The neutral-site, season-opening game will be televised nationally by ESPN as the first of three annual Orlando Kickoff games.

The Pro Bowl is coming to Orlando in 2017 and will feature a return to the traditional AFC vs. NFC game format.

The 2016 Russell Athletic Bowl will be played Dec. 28 featuring the top post-College Football Playoff selection from the ACC, including the possibility of Notre Dame, and the second post-CFP pick in the Big 12

The Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl will be played Dec. 31. The game will serve as the lead-in game for the College Football Playoff Semifinals later that day. The Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl, the nation's seventh-longest running postseason bowl, will host its 71st game on New Year's Eve.

The Florida Classic is now the largest football game between two historically Black Colleges in America, surpassing the Bayou Classic between Grambling and Southern in New Orleans as the top attended game in NCAA Division I-AA as well as the nation's largest football game between two Historically Black College/University (HBCU) schools.

"We're proud to integrate Camping World, a brand that is the leader in its industry, with all that we continue to do at Camping World Stadium to grow economic impact and improve the quality of life for Central Floridians," said Steve Hogan, CEO of FCSports. "The commitment to both the stadium and the Camping World Kickoff series will ensure that together we deliver on our promises to this community for years to come, and build on the rich heritage of this venue."



Orlando's historic Citrus Bowl, now Camping World Stadium, underwent a \$207.7 million reconstruction in 2014, re-opening as a state-of-the art venue ready to host world class events.

# Win

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play, 75-yard drive that lasted 7:34 and culminated in a four-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Mike Evans.

“We got the coverage we wanted, man-to-man,” Evans said. “We’ve been working on the fade all offseason and he threw a great ball – I didn’t even have to jump for it. He threw it out of the DB’s reach and I made the play.”

The touchdown pass was Winston’s second this preseason and the touchdown reception was the first for Evans this preseason and the second of his preseason career.

Jacksonville got a touchdown in the final quarter as Josh Johnson intercepted a Ryan Griffin pass and returned it 79 yards for a score, cutting the Bucs’ lead to three points.

The Bucs’ Roberto Aguayo, a second-round draft pick out of FSU, went two for four on field goals, with misses from 33 and 49 yards. In addition to the 28-yarder, he connected a 34-yard kick with 1:28 left in the game and went 3-for-3 on extra points.

**Dress to impress** – The Jaguars’ first-team offense totaled 138 net yards (85 passing, 53 rushing) on 20 plays Saturday night against the Buccaneers. In two preseason games, the first team

offense has produced 289 yards and scored 24 points on 38 plays.

**Impact zone** – The Jaguars’ first-team defense played 16 plays and held the Buccaneers to 0 points and 65 net yards. Rookie fifth-overall cornerback Jalen Ramsey led the defense with three tackles in the first quarter, including one tackle for loss.

**Home debut:** Fifth-year punter Brad Nortman made his home debut at EverBank Field with a 64-yard punt on his opening punt in the first quarter. Nortman was acquired in free agency from the Carolina Panthers. Nortman has a 45.2-yard career gross avg. and a 38.9-yard career net average.

**Key grab:** Fourth-year cornerback

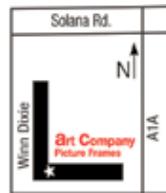
Dwayne Gratz intercepted Winston on the second defensive series, which led to a six-play, 58-yard drive that culminated with a 14-yard TD pass from Bortles to Yeldon. Gratz has three career interceptions since being selected in the third round of the 2013 Draft (64th overall).

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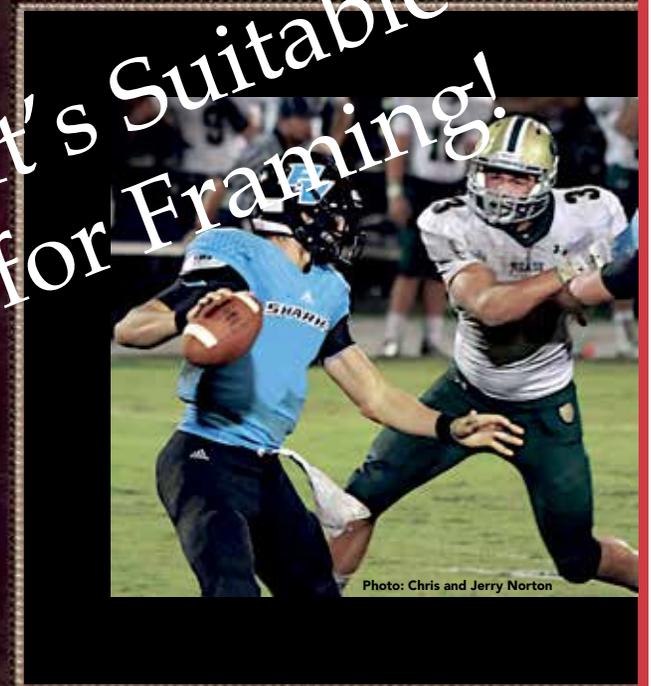


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## COLLEGE PREVIEW

# Questions loom at QB for FSU, Florida deals with suspensions as season approaches

By Mike Bonts

College football fans are gearing up for another season – one that seems to kick off earlier and earlier – amid excitement in Tallahassee and Gainesville as both the 'Noles and Gators are predicted to do great things.

## Florida

The Gators finished 10-4 in the first season for head coach Jim McElwain. Luke Del Rio looks to be the starting quarterback for the Gators. Del Rio, the son of former Jaguars and current Oakland Raiders coach Jack Del Rio, is an Oregon State transfer. He led the Blue team to a 44-6 win over the Orange team in the spring game, throwing for 176 yards on 10 of 11 passes completed. QB Austin Appleby, a Purdue transfer, is in the running, with Jordan Scarlett and Mark Thompson sharing running back chores.

Big play wide receiver Antonio Callaway returns with 678 yards on 35 receptions. The Gators also have a reliable offensive line led by Martez Ivey and David Sharpe.

On defense, Florida lost some key players, with many of them playing in the NFL this season. Defensive back Jalen Tabor, linebacker Jarrad Davis and safety Marcus Maye anchor the secondary. Florida's Cece Jefferson, Caleb Brantley and Bryan Cox Jr. look to lead an improved defensive line.

Pineiro will likely be the placekicker. Punter Johnny Townsend returns, averaging 45.3 yards per attempt on 83 punts.

**Notes:** Tabor was suspended for the season opener against UMass for "behavior that is not acceptable" along with tight end C'yontai Lewis...guard Antonio Riles sustained a torn anterior cruciate ligament that will require surgery and sideline him for the entire season...defensively, Florida lost two All-Americans – cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III and tackle Jonathan Bullard – and safety Keanu Neal to the NFL Draft, along with Antonio Morrison and Alex McCalister.

## Florida State

Last season a young FSU team went 10-3 under head coach Jimbo Fisher. With more experience and depth, the Seminoles should be even better as Fisher begins his seventh season. Fifth-year senior quarterback Sean Maguire needs surgery on his right foot, and he will miss the start of the season. Red-



Photo by Don Juan

**FSU redshirt freshman Deondre Francois has been handling first-team practice reps at QB in preparation for the Sept. 5 season opener against Ole Miss in Orlando. Francois has yet to throw a college pass.**

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Maguire is FSU's only quarterback with significant game experience. He completed 112 of 189 passes last year for 1,520 yards, 11 touchdowns and six interceptions. He quarterbacked the Seminoles to wins in four of the last five regular-season games before a 38-24 loss to Houston in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. He completed 112 of 189 passes (59.3 percent) for 1,520 yards and 11 touchdowns with six interceptions in 2015.

No matter the quarterback, running back Dalvin Cook can make the Florida State offense click. Heisman hopeful Cook ran for 1,691 yards and 19 touchdowns as a sophomore last season.

Travis Rudolph, Kermit Whitfield and Bobo Wilson are playmakers at receiver. Look for tight end Ryan Izzo and side receiver Auden Tate to only help



Photo by Tim Casey

**Florida QB Luke Del Rio, No. 14, leads the Gators at practice and looks like their starter on Sept. 10.**

strengthen the passing attack.

Defensively, DeMarcus Walker elected to return to school for his senior year. Nose tackle Derrick Nnadi and safety Derwin James join Josh Sweat, Matthew Thomas and Ro'Derrick Hoskins, Marquez White, Tarvarus

McFadden and Marcus Lewis on a gold star defensive unit.

**Notes:** Florida State lost some key players, like Jalen Ramsey, Reggie Northrup and Nile Lawrence-Stample... FSU has averaged the third-best recruiting class over the past five years.

## HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW



Photo by Chris and Jerry Norton

Ponte Vedra quarterback Nick Tronti, St. Johns County Offensive Player of the Year in 2015, fires a pass in the 2015 Battle of the Bridge Game against Nease

# Ponte Vedra, Nease high schools ready for season

By Jerry Norton

Ever since the Jacksonville Jaguars were awarded a National Football League franchise in 1995, this beachside community is touched every fall with football fever. Iconic quarterback Tim Tebow helped stoke the flames for the game while starring for the Nease High School Panthers, the Florida Gators and the Denver Broncos. Area kids all wanted to “be like Tim,” and their parents wished for that as well.

Today, the area football community has grown to include two high school programs, two middle school programs and two youth programs. A significant number of alumni from each these programs have gone on to play division IA college football and some – like Tebow – have even made it to the pros. Lucas Crowley at North Carolina, Max Chapman at Northwestern, Dylan Bates at Tennessee, Trey Smith (son of former Jaguar Jimmy Smith) at Louisville, Andrew Boselli (son of former Jaguar Tony Boselli) at FSU, Cole Mazza and Matt Wawrzyniak at Stetson, Jessie Burkett at Stanford, Johnny Wolford, Frank Souza, Hunter and Riley Haynes at Wake Forest are just a few of the youth program alumni to play at the next level.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

It's taken a few years, but 2016 could finally be the season both Ponte Vedra high schools earn post-season prominence. Ponte Vedra's Sharks may be the class of district 5A and the same could be said of the Nease Panthers in district 6A. Here's a preview of each team:

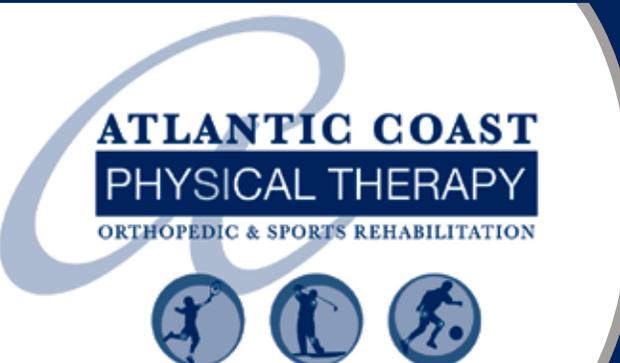
### Ponte Vedra High School Sharks

Ponte Vedra head coach Matt Toblin took his team to a district title in 2015, but the Sharks never made it past Ribault in their first playoff game. With a slew of returning veterans, including the 2015 St. Johns County Offensive Player of the Year quarterback Nick Tronti, the coach is feeling good about the new season but tries, of course, not to be overly optimistic. Says Toblin guardedly: “I think we have a chance to be special this year.”

It is not surprising that Toblin's entire offensive backfield and more than half his varsity squad are graduates of the Ponte Vedra youth football program. The potent Shark backfield is comprised of quarterback Tronti, senior running back Hal Swan, senior wide receivers Marshall Few and JD Piris and junior wide-out Jarett Stepp.

Anchoring the O-line are returning veterans C Taylor Montroy at 275 lbs, OL Zach Lowery at 305 lbs as well as senior OL Korey Johnson and junior TE Kit Connelly.

Nor is the Shark defense lacking a veteran presence. Senior free safety Andrew O'Dare may be the heart of the Sharks defense. In two prior seasons, O'Dare amassed 107 solo tackles. If that weren't enough, the defensive backfield also boasts three-year starters in FS Noah Solaun and LB Cade Macri as well senior LB Jacob Reeves, junior LBs Gibson Pardue and Duncan



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9/30	First Coast (Jacksonville, FL)	H	7:00p
10/7	Ribault (Jacksonville, FL)	H	7:00p
10/21	Columbia (Lake City, FL)	A	7:00p
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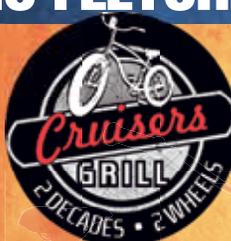
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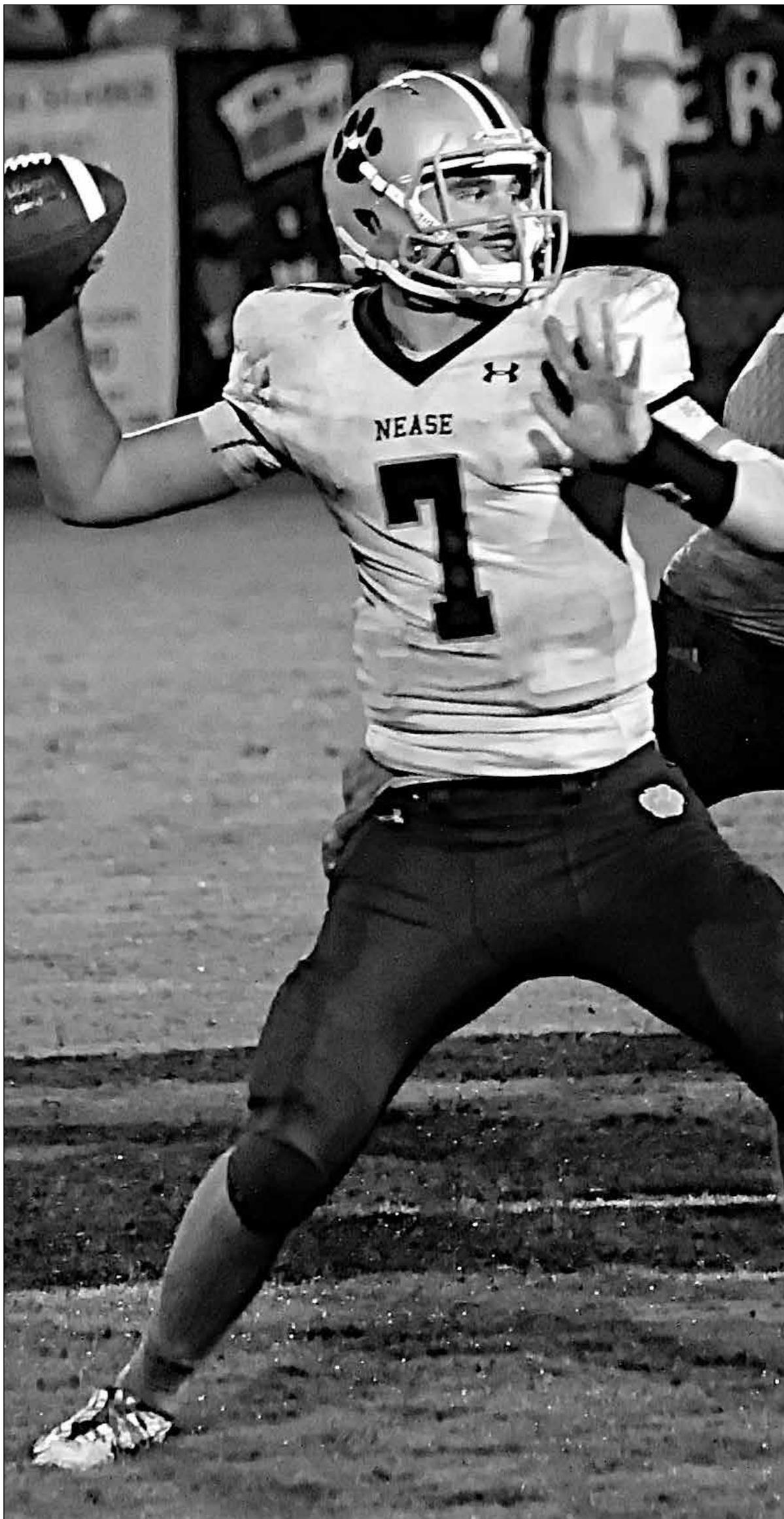


Photo by Chris and Jerry Norton

**Under head coach Tim Krause, Nease quarterback Leighton Alley should have another strong season for the Panthers in 2016.**

## High school

Continued from 33

Van Kouteren and the versatile defensive competitor, Trevor Rolison, who has shown he can play wherever needed. Senior DTs Alfred Koch and Carson Shoals provide size and depth on the D-line.

Chris Howard will handle kicking duties for the Sharks. Coach Toblin believes Howard – a star for the Sharks soccer team – may be the best high school field goal kicker in the nation.

After routing the Arlington Apaches 56-12 on Aug. 19 (see story on page 38), the Sharks now travel to Nease to defend the Battle of the Bridge Trophy against the Panthers in a non-district matchup on Aug. 26.

Ponte Vedra's district 5A opponents for 2016 include Wolfson, Westside, Bishop Kenny and Terry Parker. In addition to the Panthers, their non-district opponents include Palatka, Oakleaf, Pedro Menendez, Bartram Trail and Creekside.

It's difficult to argue with Coach Toblin's cautious prediction. The Sharks could indeed be special in 2016.

### Nease High School

Nease High School opens the 2016 season under third-year coach Tim Krause with an impressive array of returning offensive and defensive weapons. Last season, Krause coached his charges to a 7-4 record, including the 6A district title. The highlight of the season was a crucial win over perennial archrival St. Augustine. The Panthers also knocked off Pedro Menendez after the Falcons had upset the Sharks.

Before coming to Nease, Krause served for six seasons as the offensive coordinator at Bishop Kenny. Johnny Wolford, the former BK standout quarterback, currently under center at Wake Forest, set numerous records his senior year under Krause's guidance. The Panther coach hopes to have more of the same positive results with his versatile senior quarterback, Leighton Alley.

Alley, at 6' 5" and 230 pounds, directed the Panther offense for the past two seasons under Krause, accumulating some impressive statistics including 266 completions in 450 passing attempts good for 3,488 yards and 25 touchdowns.

As a junior, Alley also carried the ball 33 times for 147 yards and 4 TDs. When he drops back to throw this year, he will probably look for junior wide-out Ashton Wood, junior tight end Zach Sheffer or senior wide-out Jack Heinemann. As a sophomore, Wood racked up 63 catches for 812 yards and 7 touchdowns while Sheffer is being heavily recruited by a number of division I schools.

Junior Jareem Westcott replaces Kendric Harris, last season's star running back, who was lost to graduation.

On the defensive side, Krause has two returning starters at defensive end in 230-pound Tyler Schaffer and 225-pound Adam Timmins, both seniors. Timmins led the Green and Gold defense with 67 solo tackles last year. NT Preston Jowers and DT John Bogle, both weighing in at 235 pounds, round out the D-line.

Sophomore linebacker Josiah Haygood, another alumni of the PV youth football program, could earn playing time with the Panther defense if needed, while still another PV youth program graduate, Michael Leisle, will handle the kicking duties for Nease. Leisle was a second team Division 6A punter as a junior in 2015.

The Panthers and the Ponte Vedra Sharks meet August 26 in a non-district game at Nease in what has become known as the Battle of the Bridge. Last year, the Panthers lost to the Sharks 17-3. This one promises to be a real barn-burner featuring two of the best quarterbacks in Florida high school football today.

Nease's district 6A opponents include Ed White, Middleburg, St. Augustine and Englewood. In addition to the Sharks, the Panthers' non-district foes are Creekside, Menendez, Matanzas, West Nassau and Bartram Trail.

With a tested veteran defense, a very talented quarterback and a proven offensive mind in head coach Krause, look for the Panthers to go far in the district 6A playoffs in 2016.



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Sep 25	1:00PM	Ravens
Oct 2	9:30AM	Colts
Oct 16	1:00PM	At Bears
Oct 23	1:00PM	Raiders
Oct 27	8:25PM	At Titans
Nov 6	1:00 PM	At Chiefs
Nov 13	1:00PM	Texans
Nov 20	1:00PM	At Lions
Nov 27	1:00PM	At Bills
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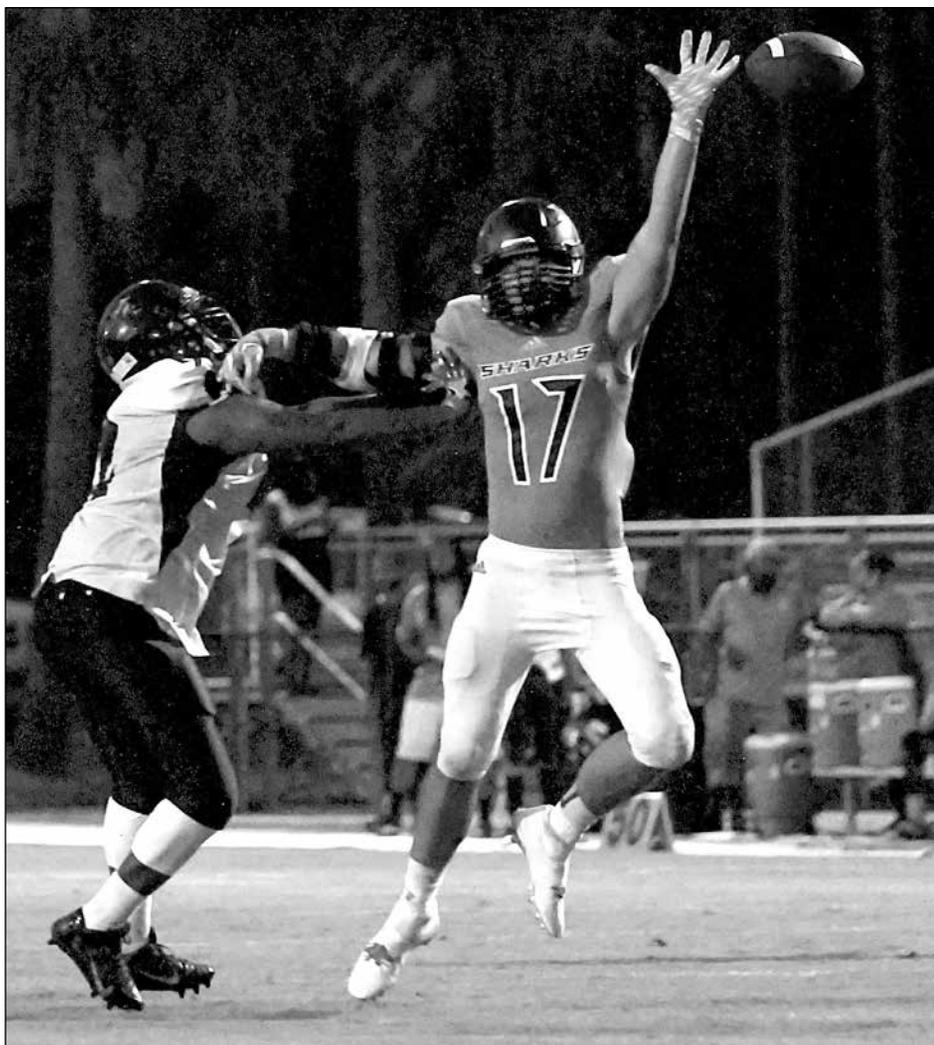
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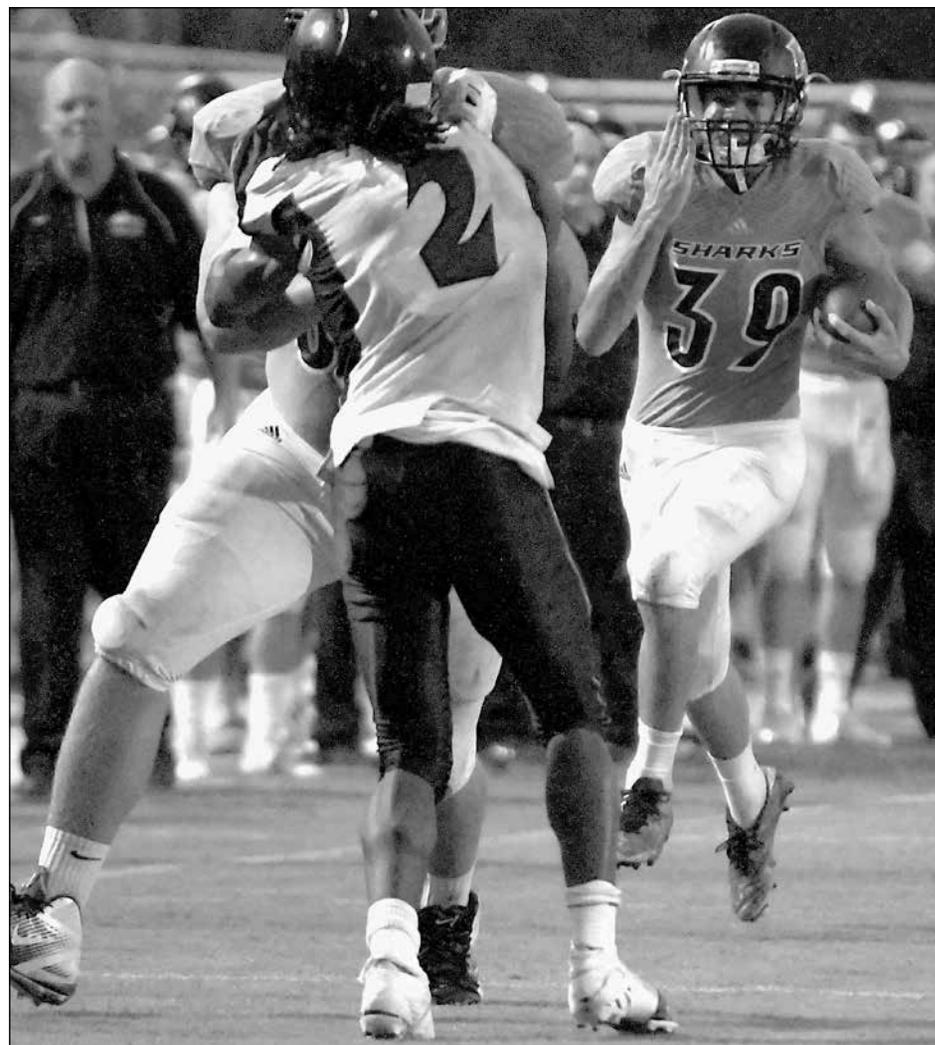
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#17 Trevor Rolison knocks away an Apache pass.



#39 Zachery King runs for a Shark score behind the block of Zach Lowery.

# Sharks devour Apaches in season opener

By Jerry Norton

The Ponte Vedra High School football opener was billed as the Pre-Season Classic. It's difficult to describe the game as a classic – if anything, it was a classic rout, with the Sharks destroying the Apaches 56-12, scoring 49 unanswered points in the first half.

Shark Head Coach Matt Toblin had an easy night, challenged only by when to pull his starters and how to get his entire 50-plus player bench some playing time. It appeared that every Shark substitute had that opportunity, if not in the first half then certainly in the second.

Ponte Vedra overcame a minor glitch in its first series when quarterback Nick Tronti was sacked and fumbled the ball into the hands of a waiting Apache. But, as was the case for the entire first half, Arlington did not capitalize on the break. Instead, they turned around and handed the ball back to the hosts on a nifty pass interception by linebacker Duncan Van Kouteren at the visitors' 30-yard line. Van Kouteren, escorted by Andrew O'Dare, sprinted 70 yards to put the Sharks up 7-0.

Three minutes later, after the Apaches were forced to punt after they could not gain a yard, Hal Swan slipped down the sideline for 27 yards to set up Tronti's one-yard touchdown sneak and 14-0 Ponte Vedra lead.

Moments later, Swan took advantage of the Apache offensive struggles by turning a fourth and two failure into a 37-yard touchdown.

Another Arlington 3-and-out put the ball back in Tronti's hands. The senior quarter-

back lofted a 20-yard pass to JD Pirris to set up Zachery King's 15-yard touchdown.

Things went from bad to worse for the Apaches on their next series. Linebacker Jacob Reeves picked off an Arlington pass and turned it into an 18-yard touchdown, giving the Sharks a 35-0 lead with 10 minutes still left on the first-half clock.

By now Tronti's night was over and sophomore Jack Murrah took his place. Murrah hit Marshall Few for 25 yards, then found junior running back King on a swing pass. King, who had an impressive evening with three touchdowns, gathered in Murrah's pass and followed tackle Zach Lowery's lead blocking 23 yards to the end zone. King added his third score of the game when he drove for three yards under the Apache defense as the third quarter wound down.

Next came the third backup quarterback for the Sharks – JP Vindas-Leyva – and he wasn't about to be left out of the scorebook. His fourth-quarter pass to Mark Calvin went for 15 yards and the final Ponte Vedra touchdown of the night.

It was far from classic, but Coach Toblin had to be pleased with the performance of so many of his players, especially of his non-starters.

The Sharks start the season in earnest on Friday, when they travel three miles down the road to face Nease in the annual Battle of the Bridge. The 7 p.m. game is expected to be a sellout, so get tickets early and plan to arrive early or face a long walk from any parking spot.



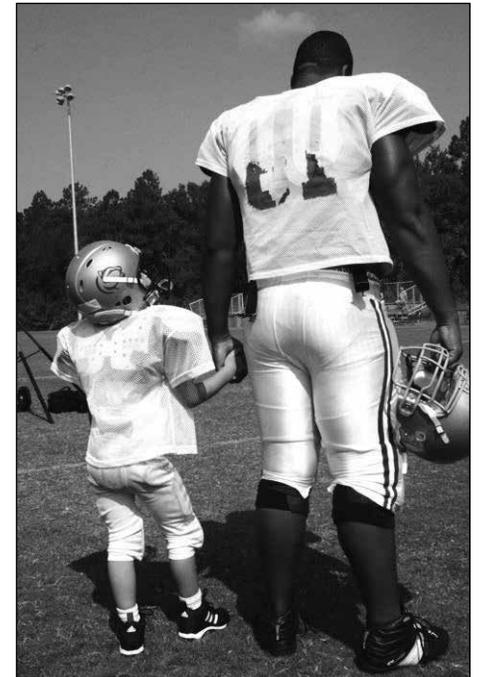
Hal Swan runs for 27 yards to the Arlington 1-yard line.

Photos by Jerry and Chris Norton

## YOUTH PREVIEW



JDL players demonstrate the rip/shoot drill.



My Hero! Sam Barnhard age 6, looks up to Nease offensive lineman James Wilson with admiration during a 2005 joint Nease/JDL practice. Barnhard is now a linebacker for the Sharks.

## Youth football programs train tomorrow's gridiron greats

By Jerry Norton

Are you ready for some football? More than 500 Ponte Vedra youngsters between the ages of 5 and 18 believe they are. They've all been working hard in Florida's sweltering heat for several weeks in preparation for the start of the 2016 football season. This football preview will start with the youngest group of budding stars who play PVAA youth football.

### The Ponte Vedra Athletic Association

Players in Ponte Vedra can choose between two offerings – a recreational program (JDL football) and a travel football program (Pop Warner football). Each of these programs stresses safety and adheres to the USA Football's HeadsUp Football initiative.

HeadsUp Football, focuses on safe tackling and blocking techniques as well as concussion and hydration awareness and Sudden Cardiac Arrest awareness. According to Eric Henkel, the man in charge of PV Football, it is the foundation of the PVAA's commitment to a safe youth football experience.

### Junior Development League Football

The PVAA's Junior Development League Football program – JDL football, as it is known – was founded in 1998 by the author and consisted of just 26 7 and 8-year-olds. Over the years, the JDL program has expanded to include programs in the Julington Creek and St. Augustine communities.

Under Commissioner Barry Taylor – who honed his football skills at the Citadel – The Ponte Vedra JDL program



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has 225 players participating in eight different age divisions, from 5 to 14 years. An in-house recreational program, safety, fun, skill development and balanced completion are essential priorities. Every JDL player is taught the fundamentals of each football position. Practices are limited to 90 minutes, twice a week. JDL divisions play a 10-game season, with all JDL games on the program's home field at Davis Park on Saturday. The mascot for all JDL divisions is the Shark.

A highlight of this program is the JDL Combine—patterned after the NFL Combine—in which players from all divisions have the opportunity to compete against each other in contests such as the vertical jump, the shuttle drill, the 40-yard run and the stacked bag high jump. This

event run by former Jaguar Donovan Darius and assisted by other former Jaguar players and league coaches is typically scheduled prior to the season's first game.

### Pop Warner Football

The Ponte Vedra Athletic Association's Pop Warner Football program has been a choice for area youngsters since 1995, the same year the Jacksonville Jaguars were born. Today, more than 75 players compete for position and playing time in one of the three Pop Warner age/weight categories – Mitey Mites, Junior Pee Wees and Pee Wees. Ponte Vedra teams, whose mascot is also the Shark, play home or away games against other First Coast communities. With the exception of Mitey Mites, Pop Warner teams participate in post-season playoffs for national recognition.

In the 2015 season, the Ponte Vedra Junior Pee Wees reached the Final Four of the Pop Warner National Playoffs. On the way to a top four National finish, the Junior Pee Wees racked up conference, district and regional championships. The team finished its season with a 14-1 record.

The PV Pee Wee team finished the regular season undefeated and went on to win the conference and district championships. The team progressed to the top 32 teams in the Pop Warner national playoffs, finishing the season with an 11-1 record.

Leon Fowler is the head of the PV Pop Warner football program.

### Middle School Football

While organized football is not a

funded sport in St Johns County middle schools, several communities, including Ponte Vedra, have organized an after-school football program associated with their community school. Landrum Middle School and Valley Ridge Academy are two area schools that play in the recently formed St Johns Middle School Athletic Association. The association includes teams from Fruit Cove, Liberty Pines, Pacetti Bay, Murray, Creekside and Switzerland Point to name a few.

The Landrum Middle School Lions, under former Jaguar offensive lineman Todd Fordham, should have more than 25 seventh and eighth grade youngsters playing football in the SJMSAA league. Many of coach Fordham's players are graduates of either the PV JDL or the PV Pop Warner groups. Players such as WR Joe Taraboletti, QB Caden Fordham, LB Max Moquin, C John Mazzarella, LB Will Greer and RB Campbell Parker all developed their skills and techniques during their years in the PV youth program. The talented Lions are expected to contend for SJMSAA honors.

The Valley Ridge Academy Hawks, under head coach Rafeal Dominguez, expect to field both junior varsity and varsity squads from the 50-plus players who turned out for spring practice. Coach Dominguez looks for big things from several key-returning players, including former Ponte Vedra JDL star TE/ FB Gavin Inman, DE Malik Aldridge and OL/DL Lorenzo Martinez. Newcomers RB Oliver Wood, WR/LB Jack Isaacs and RB Randall Toomk should help the Hawks improve on their 4-5 record of last season.



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## Amid BRAC concerns, congressional candidate launches 'Moored at Mayport' initiative

By Jennifer Logue

Amid reports that another round of naval Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) hearings may be on the horizon, one of the candidates for U.S. Congress in the 4th congressional district has launched an initiative aimed at marshaling community support to protect Naval Station Mayport from possible closure.



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Businessman Steve Kaufman – a retired naval commander who was once stationed at Mayport – is starting "Moored at Mayport"

(www.mooredatmayport.com) in an attempt to spotlight the base's strategic importance. Following recent statements by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus saying that not only was he in favor of another round of BRAC hearings but that all bases would be on the table for possible closure, Kaufman says now is the time for local leaders to reach out to the former cabinet secretaries, military leaders and prominent citizens who will likely comprise the BRAC commission. Such an initiative is critical, he said, in light of concerted efforts to remain open by other naval ports in states such as Virginia.

"Virginia's goals are to consolidate as much Navy as possible, and you better believe there's somebody somewhere doing a cost-benefit analysis saying, 'How much do we really need Mayport?'" Kaufman said in an interview with the Recorder.

"Moored at Mayport will make sure that those people know of the strategic value of Mayport to the country's defense."

### Strategic location

With nearly 3,500 acres, 14,000 active duty personnel and both sea and air operations, Naval Station Mayport is the third largest naval facility in the United States. Yet Kaufman believes many local residents aren't fully aware of the base's importance to national security.

"(Local residents) know Mayport's there and they're grateful," Kaufman said, "but they don't see how it fits into national defense and southern border. You can't look

at a map and not see how strategically placed Jacksonville is from a national security position."

Ships based out of Mayport are regularly deployed to the Caribbean and South America along the nation's southern border, Kaufman said, playing an important role in national security efforts. They also play a major role, he added, in disrupting the flow of illegal drugs making its way into the county.

"I can't think of a time when we send ships south that they don't interdict at least one big drug bust," Kaufman said.

### Economic impact

In addition to Mayport's importance from a military perspective, Kaufman said the economic impact of the base closing would be felt across Northeast Florida.

"I'm a small business person – I think about the small businesses that served me as a sailor," said Kaufman, who also serves on the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce's Military Issues Committee. "The economic impact will have a ripple effect throughout the whole city, the whole region."

Mike McGrath, executive director of the Jacksonville Area Ship Repair Association (JASRA), agreed. "We understand the importance of this issue, as ship repair jobs and skills sets in our area are already under pressure," said McGrath, noting that JASRA has joined the Moored at Mayport initiative. "Our members would be devastated if we lost Mayport..."

### Preparing for the future

The last round of BRAC closures occurred in 2005; at that time, two dozen bases were closed and another two dozen realigned. According to recent media reports, some officials predict a new round of BRAC hearings won't happen until 2021. Others suggest they could happen as early as 2019.

Some observers contend they won't happen at all, and suggest that Kaufman is alarming residents unnecessarily.

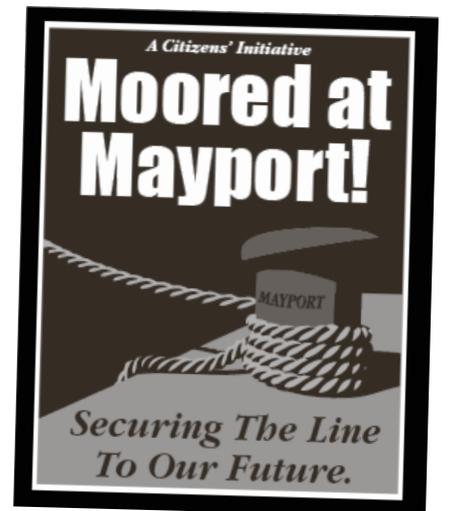
"There's a definite school of thought this will never happen," Kaufman acknowledged. "People tell me, 'You're just stirring the pot for no reason.' But I was

here when we lost Cecil Field (to BRAC closures) and all of the same things that were said then are being said now."

Kaufman noted that when Cecil Field was closed in the 1990s, the Navy hadn't even included the base on its recommended list of facilities for possible closure.

"The BRAC commission just reached out and grabbed it," he said.

To prevent a repeat of that scenario, Kaufman said, Moored at Mayport plans to organize events, community meetings and possibly lobbying trips to make sure key decision makers understand the base's significance.



"What's the worst that can happen?" Kaufman asked. "If I'm wrong (about BRAC closures), then we have just reminded ourselves what an incredible strategic jewel we have in our backyard."

"But if I'm right – my goodness, we better be starting now."

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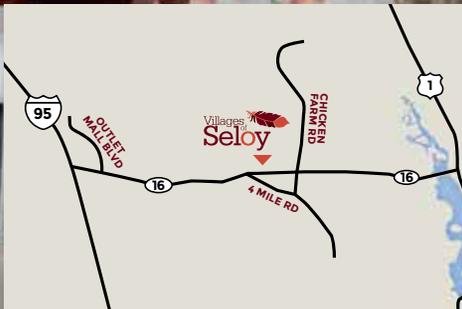
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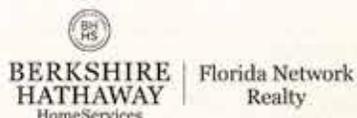
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As a certified luxury home marketing specialist, Minch has specialized expertise in the luxury home and estate arena.

"Travis has worked hard and this award is well-deserved recognition of that effort," said Sonny Downey, EXIT's chief

technology officer.

Minch has established his expertise in the luxury market with a record of helping clients achieve their real estate goals, with specialties in custom construction, waterfront and residential lots, and as a buyer's specialist and listing specialist. Minch serves the Jacksonville Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra areas.

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# Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices Florida Network Realty welcomes new agents

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices (BHHS) Florida Network Realty welcomed Peggie Black and Stephanie Lancer to its Ponte Vedra office.

Black is an active member of Jacksonville's arts community, having recorded a Jazz album in Memphis and worked as a vocal coach and ventriloquist in art therapy.

At the age of 19, she co-founded Marcol Publishing in Memphis, and learned the trades of direct sales and marketing.

After moving to Northeast Florida more than 25 years ago and continuing

to grow her ties to the arts community, Black decided to help others find their roots in Ponte Vedra as an agent at BHHS Florida Network Realty.

Continuing her passion for giving back to the community, Black was a founding member of the University of North Florida College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Council, is a soloist at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach and



**BLACK**



**LANCER**

is a Jacksonville Ronald McDonald House volunteer.

"Homebuyers who are looking to put down roots in Ponte Vedra, and who are looking to flourish in their community should look no further than Peggie," said Kevin Waugaman, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra office.

"Her passion for the arts, her community and for volunteering will translate

well into a passion for her career in real estate and passion for her clients to buy or sell their perfect home."

Waugaman also praised new hire Lancer, welcoming her to the team as well.

"Stephanie makes a great addition to the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty team," he said.

"With the support of her family of Realtors and now the BHHSFNR team, Stephanie's career will reach new heights. We look forward to celebrating her accomplishments."



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# Davidson Realty welcomes five new agents

Northeast Florida realty firm Davidson Realty, Inc. recently welcomed five new real estate agents.

**Justin Hahn** brings to Davidson several years of experience in sales and marketing.

“Justin’s marketing know-how and experience building customer relationships make him a great fit with our team,” Sherry Davidson, president of Davidson Realty said. “We are glad to welcome Justin to Davidson Realty.”

Hahn is originally from Muskegon, Michigan. He earned a degree in marketing and management from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan.

Before following his passion for real estate, he had a successful career in the outdoor advertising industry.

Today, Hahn is eager to utilize his skills in sales, marketing, negotiations and relationship-based customer ser-



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vice to help buyers and sellers navigate the real estate process.

**Matt Roberts** holds a business degree in financial services and has experience in customer service.

“Matt has a solid background and is naturally driven to ensure customers walk away happy with their experience. He is a great addition to our team,” Davidson said.

Originally from St. Petersburg, Roberts relocated to Jacksonville to attend the University of North Florida, where he earned a business degree in

financial services.

He spent time in the automotive industry working for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Volkswagen prior to entering the real estate industry

New agent **Pam Lareau** spent decades as an educator before pursuing real estate.

Prior to earning her real estate license, Lareau worked at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in St. Augustine before teaching in public schools for 20 years.

**Brian Martin** has been a licensed Realtor for 15 years and brings experience in commercial and residential sales, property management and homebuilder sales and marketing to Davidson Realty.

“Brian has time-tested experience within many facets of real estate,”

Davidson said.

“Between his industry expertise and dedication to superior service, Brian will be a valuable asset to his clients.”

Martin earned a degree in communications and video production from Lyndon State College in Vermont before setting out on a television career.

He moved over to real estate in 1995, working in property management.

Martin earned his real estate license in 2001 and shifted to commercial and residential sales. He spent years in sales and marketing with national home builders including Centex Homes, Mattamy Homes and Standard Pacific Homes.

**Travis Skoglund’s** background includes 25 years in real estate in addition to experience in the agriculture and automotive industries.

A Northern Minnesota native, he holds a degree in heavy diesel mechanics.

Skoglund managed a successful cattle and crop operation, and later an automotive center before becoming a licensed real estate agent in 1991. He relocated to the First Coast in 2002.

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# ICI Homes at Tamaya opens new model home

ICI Homes' new Serena model is open in the master-planned community of Tamaya ([www.TamayaFL.com](http://www.TamayaFL.com)), where the company is building a new "Street of Dreams" model row planned for opening in 2017. ICI Homes has begun selling the model homes on the community's existing model row.

Seven luxury models are available for prospective homebuyers to view in Phase I and are for sale furnished and unfurnished, with a lease-back option or delayed closing options.

"Our original builder model homes at Tamaya present a unique opportunity for buyers who want to buy now at today's prices and move-in later," ICI Homes North Florida Division President Don Wilford said. "One of our original models has already sold and we anticipate the remaining model homes will sell quickly."

Tamaya's original Phase I neighborhood, Bella Nina, where floor plans start at 1,979 square feet, is nearly sold out. ICI has three move-in ready homes available for buyers on a faster timetable.

ICI Homes' new model, located in Tamaya's new Bella Nika neighborhood, showcases the Serena plan. Offering four bedrooms and a home office, the Serena features open spaces that connect the kitchen, dining, entertainment and outdoor living areas together. The home is decorated by Sisler Johnston Interior Design and showcases a relaxed contemporary style with a cool neutral color palette highlighted by emerald green and topaz accents.

ICI Homes' customizable floor plans in Bella Nika start at 1,800 square feet. The new neighborhood offers a variety of home sites, including 50-foot-wide, 60-foot-wide and 75-foot-wide sites as well as 85-foot-wide sites, making Tamaya accessible to a larger number of home buyers.

Tamaya's new grand entrance fronting Beach Boulevard and the Tamaya Residents Club are both taking shape and on target for opening in late fall. Designed exclusively for homeowners, the \$11 million Residents Club will feature a resort-style pool and outdoor recreation areas, including tennis and an event lawn. The clubhouse spans 10,000 square feet and contains nearly 4,500 square feet of interior fitness space including an expansive cardio room with state-of-the-art fitness equipment and a separate yoga and pilates studio. The Residents Club will offer numerous entertainment spaces including a spacious great room with a catering kitchen, clubroom, covered porch and outdoor patio.

Located in Jacksonville off Beach Boulevard midway between Kernan and Hodges boulevards, Tamaya will soon welcome a community lifestyle coordinator, who will



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**ICI Homes currently has seven designer-decorated model homes for sale at Tamaya. The models are for sale furnished and unfurnished.**

play a key role in planning events and connecting residents with their neighbors. Homes at Tamaya range in size from

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# GreenPointe, TrailMark honored at Excel Awards

GreenPointe Communities was honored by the Florida Home Builders Association with Excel Awards for TrailMark, a new master-planned community located near World Golf Village in northern St. Johns County.



JAMES

TrailMark received Excel Awards for Best Logo Design and Best Billboard, and an Excellence Award for Best Brochure. All awards were presented in the development/community division.

“We are thrilled to receive this recognition from our peers and industry leaders for our commitment to excellence and for successfully communicating TrailMark’s unique natural surroundings, outdoor-inspired amenities and healthy-living style neighborhoods throughout marketing and advertising efforts,” said GreenPointe Communities Marketing Director Gaynelle James. “TrailMark offers the high quality of living families are seeking. These awards are being substantiated by the many new homebuyers moving to TrailMark and calling the recreation-rich community home.”

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TrailMark’s logo design was inspired by the community’s natural landscape and Old Florida architecture. According to TrailMark, the design was intended to invoke feelings of renewal, harmony, warmth and a tranquil, outdoor lifestyle associated with the community.

Its billboard campaign reflects what its team calls the “hallmark of the community,” with a message of life being meant for good friends and great adventure.

TrailMark’s twine-wrapped brochure was designed not just to illustrate the community’s atmosphere and tell its story, officials said, but also to be flexible as the community grows. Its inserts are designed to be easily updated and allow the brand to remain consistent as the community grows. Each brochure element is printed on FSC-certified papers manufactured, with 100 percent renewable green electricity. They are processed chlorine free, are carbon neutral plus and carry the Green Seal Certification.

as she has already shown us in her previous role.”

A graduate of Johnson and Wales University, Moore began her career at the Newton Marriott Boston, then held positions at Marriott hotels in Burlington and Cambridge, Massachusetts before relocating to the JW Marriott Grande Lakes in Orlando.



**The Beaches Rotaract Club recently inducted four new members. From left: Allen Wells, Bryan Logue, Rotaract President Matthew Montoya, Vice President Charlie Flynn, Victoria Troupe and Sarah Rose Stewart**

### Beaches Rotaract inducts new members

The Beaches Rotaract Club recently inducted four new members. President

## MaryBeth Murray joins Watson’s Nocatee office

MaryBeth Murray has joined Watson’s Nocatee office as a sales associate.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Murray has been a St. Johns County resident for the past 14 years. Her experience includes more than 11 years in sales and marketing, along with experience in the mortgage and banking industries. She has been recognized for various local and national awards, including Circle of



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A La Salle University graduate, Murray holds an MBA and is an active member of the National Association of Realtors, the Florida Association of Realtors, Northeast Florida Association of Realtors and the National Association of Professional Women.

## Watson Realty holds casino night

Watson Realty’s Nocatee office recently hosted a Casino Night held at the Coastal Oaks Resident’s Clubhouse.



Photo by Susan Griffin

**Dick and Meredith Schwarz with Phil Lamb, managing broker of Watson’s Nocatee office.**

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

### Sawgrass Marriott names Moore GM of Cabana Beach Club



MOORE

The Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa has named Executive Sous Chef Marya Moore as the new general manager of the resort’s Cabana Beach Club.

In her new role, Moore will build on her extensive culinary and events experience, overseeing three restaurants, watersports concessions and Cabana Beach Club memberships.

“Chef Moore is a seasoned leader and she was the ideal choice to manage the team and operations at our beautiful Cabana Beach Club,” said Todd Hickey, general manager for the Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa. “Her talents and expertise are sure to prove invaluable to not only the Cabana Beach Club, but the resort as a whole,

Matthew Montoya and Vice President Charlie Flynn welcomed new members Allen Wells, Bryan Logue, Victoria Troupe and Sarah Rose Stewart to Rotaract, a Rotary-sponsored service organization for young adults between the ages of 18 and 30.

The Beaches Rotaract Club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach.

### Sisler Johnston wins Aurora Awards for The Palms at Ponte Vedra



JOHNSTON

Sisler Johnston Interior Design received two Aurora Awards – including the Grand Award – from the Florida Home Builders Association for the firm’s work at The Palms at Ponte Vedra assisted living and memory care community. The builder, Auld & White, and the architect, Architectural Concepts, also were recognized.

The awards were presented during the 2016 Southeast Building Conference in Orlando.

The Palms at Ponte Vedra was entered in the Best Seniors Housing Community – Assisted Living/Special Needs category.

“I am genuinely honored to be recognized by the Aurora Award judges and our peers in the building industry for our success at the Palms at Ponte Vedra,” said Judith Sisler Johnston, president.

“The Aurora Awards represent the best in the industry and I appreciate receiving this mark of distinction.”



SALMONS

### Salmons joins Advanced Disposal

Wesley A. Salmons has joined Ponte Vedra-based Advanced Disposal as corporate director of safety and compliance.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**



**Lowe's opens in St. Augustine**

County officials marked the opening of Lowe's in St. Augustine Aug. 18 with a ceremonial "board cutting" attended by St. Augustine Mayor Nancy Shaver and Board of County Commissioners Chair Jeb Smith.

In addition to creating approximately 180 local jobs, Smith said, the new store is

making maximum use of a prime commercial location on US1.

"Not only will the store contribute significantly to the local economy and tax base," he said, "it is also an aesthetically pleasing upgrade that will raise the architectural bar in one of St. Johns County's most-visited retail corridors."

The county's public-private partnership with Lowe's also helped fund the new county Health and Human Services building, Smith added.

"We look forward to continuing working with Lowe's well into the future, as they have already proven to be a good corporate partner for St. Johns County."

**Nopetro opens CNG fueling facility in St. Johns County**

Compressed natural gas (CNG) infrastructure provider Nopetro opened a new CNG fueling facility at the St. Johns County Public Works facility in St. Augustine last week.

The two-acre facility – which will serve both county-owned commercial vehicles and the general public – features a four-lane fueling station capable of being expanded to six lanes as well as two dual-hose dispensers with the capacity to distribute more than 12 gallons per minute.

As part of a public-private partnership with St. Johns County, Nopetro paid for the construction of the facility and will oversee its operation and maintenance. In addition, the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization provided



St. Johns County with \$732,000 toward the cost of retrofitting approximately 130 CNG fleet vehicles. According to county officials, switching from diesel to CNG is expected to reduce emissions significantly while saving more than \$6 million over the next 20 years.

"We are excited about our public-private partnership with

Nopetro," St. Johns County Public Works Director Neal Shinkre said. "The (agreement) provides county taxpayers the opportunity to save money without having to make the large infrastructure investments that would normally be required in similar size projects."

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**SHORT TAKES**

**Savvy Job Hunters Workshop**

Brad Raney, life coach, motivational speaker and author, will present "Advanced Networking Strategies" Thursday, Aug. 25 from

9 a.m. to noon at Christ Episcopal Church Parish Center Conference Room, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach.

Topics to be covered include using LinkedIn for networking, the power of connections, networking ver-

sus schmoozing, professional stalking and more.

Participants should park on the upper deck to enter the second floor conference room.

RSVP to Cindy Corritore at ccorritore@christepiscopalchurch.org or call the

# Save more or pay off?

One of the questions frequently asked by clients is whether they should save more for retirement or add funds to their monthly mortgage payments to pay off the debt sooner. While each circumstance is unique, let me share some general guidance on the subject.



**Frederic Schilling**  
Columnist

If you examine the payment schedule for a typical 30-year mortgage, you'll note that the majority of the payments in the early years (years 1-7) are applied to interest and that this reverses in the later years, when the majority is applied to principal.

This is not an accident: Lending institutions know that, on average, mortgages are held approximately seven years, replaced by either a refinancing or the sale of the house.

So, the lender takes the interest early so they get paid most of the interest even if the mortgage is satisfied after six or seven years.

So, if you have five to eight years left on your mortgage, you have probably already paid the vast majority of all the interest on the loan.

Therefore, paying the loan off early won't save you as much as you think in interest; if your mortgage carries a stated rate of 4 percent, you will likely save less than 2 percent a year by paying it off early that late in the cycle.

If one assumes that you can earn more than 2 percent on your investments, then adding to savings works better than accelerating your mortgage payments.

Also, if you itemize deductions on your federal tax return, the interest on house-related debt is deductible, so the net interest cost to you is even less, which makes

additional savings even more attractive.

That being said, there are a couple of reasons why the reverse might make sense.

Let's say, for instance, that the financial markets are struggling and as a result, you would be better off applying the money to the mortgage than putting it in the market, only to risk losing it.

Second, there is a strong psychological effect to becoming debt free and sometimes that is worth favoring debt elimination over additional savings.

Finally, some people seem to have more discipline when it comes to paying bills than saving – if that's you, then pay away!

Obviously, these decisions have to be made in the context of your personal situation.

There are many factors to be taken into consideration when making such a decision. Speak with a trusted financial professional to weigh your options and discuss your goals.

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The Christ Episcopal Church's Savvy Job Hunters Ministry offers free monthly workshops that include local

guest speakers, job search presentations, featured employers, networking opportunities and spiritual support to those who are unemployed, underemployed or less-than-happily employed.

The workshop is open to the general public.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### New World Golf Village retail center seeks professional tenants

As construction nears completion of the new Lion Gate One retail center in World Golf Village, developers are seeking professional services tenants to lease its six units.

Located off International Golf Parkway at 533 W. Twincourt Trail, the 10,100-square foot single-story building is situated on a lake and features a 44-space parking lot. The six available suites range from 1,486 to 2,150 square feet.

“Our new building provides businesses the opportunity to benefit and serve a flourishing residential community,” Lion Gate One CEO E. Dayan Sandler said. “The space is optimal

for professional services looking to capitalize on the continued growth of World Golf Village, all while enjoying a stunning, serene lakefront office environment.”

The new retail space is similar in design to Lion Gate One’s adjacent retail center at 559 W. Twincourt Trail. That building’s tenants include LifeSounds Hearing Aids, Coldwell Banker, Allstate Insurance, Tarantola Dentistry, Affordable Braces, McGreevy NeuroHealth, International Golf Realty and Baptist Primary Care.

“This community continues to expand, and new residents need medical offices such as dermatology and optometry clinics, and other professional services close to home,” Sandler said. “There’s even the opportunity for focused retail, such as gift shops. The potential client base for this new space is extremely promising.”

For leasing information, contact Sandler at (904) 412-6040.

### FirstAtlantic declares quarterly dividend

FirstAtlantic Financial Holdings, Inc. (OTCQX: FFHD), the holding company for FirstAtlantic Bank, has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$.03 per share on the company’s common stock. This is the third consecutive quarterly dividend to be paid in 2016.

The dividend will be payable to shareholders of record as of Sept. 14, 2016 and will be paid on or about Oct. 4.

“We are pleased to be able to continue sharing the financial success of FirstAtlantic with our shareholders through the payment of dividends,” said Mitchell W. Hunt, Jr., president & chief executive officer.

“We believe the ability to return value to our shareholders is an indication of the company’s financial strength and our positive outlook for the future.”

### Fulcrum Partners sponsors ministry outreach to Malawi

Fulcrum Partners recently sponsored the Love Malawi Festival, a collaborative project of Andrew Palau and the Luis Palau Association.

For more than a month, ministry workers and volunteers served within Malawi communities, organizing music and sports entertainment, networking opportunities to grow local businesses and prayer along with the distribution of eyeglasses, shoes and other needed items.

Events were hosted in five of the country’s largest cities as well as the Dzaleka refugee camp.

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# VCB president: destination marketing efforts boost local economy, contribute to quality of life

## New hotels coming to St. Augustine

By Jennifer Logue

A significant increase in the number of visitors and the coming addition of new hotels bode well for St. Johns County's tourism industry, the president of the local visitor and convention bureau told members of the SJC Chamber of Commerce last week.

At an Aug. 17 luncheon held at the newly renovated Sawgrass Beach Club, St. Augustine Ponte Vedra VCB President and CEO Richard Goldman gave chamber members an update on the region's tourism industry, highlighting the contributions tourism makes to the overall regional economy.

"We're essentially an economic development engine," Goldman said, "and we work wonderfully with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce."

In 2015, Goldman said, 6.3 million visitors traveled to St. Johns County – an increase of 1 million visitors over the previous year – generating a \$1.7 billion financial impact on local businesses. While some of that increase was due to the numerous activities surrounding St. Augustine's 450th anniversary celebration, Goldman noted that the First Coast's tourism industry has also benefited in recent



Randi Guthard, Donna Day and Sarah Hewett

Photos by Susan Griffin



Ed Mercel, Ricki Taylor and Richard Goldman

years from travelers' concerns about global terrorism and safety in other parts of the world.

"If I feel I'm not safe going to Europe or South America," Goldman said, "I'm going to look for an alternative."

### Marketing the region

The VCB's efforts to draw visitors to St. Johns County are funded by a 4 percent bed tax charged on all accommodations of six months or less. In 2015, that tax generated \$9.4 million. Those funds are

then divided among destination marketing efforts, arts and cultural activities – such as the popular Nights of Lights and July 4 celebrations – and Leisure and Recreation.

Approximately 44 percent of the funds are allocated toward marketing the region, and Goldman highlighted some of the creative ways the VCB works to attract visitors. At the chamber luncheon, he showed two humorous digital videos, one of which depicted a conquistador visiting the modern-day First Coast, interacting with tourists and even engaging in a "sword fight" with golfers at World Golf Village.

"The idea is to take something that people know about us – our history – and find a way to make that relevant to them," Goldman said. "We focus a lot of marketing dollars on bringing people here, and these days digital is a large part of what we do."

"In the digital age," he continued, "you can target people very, very precisely."

Those tactics have enabled the VCB to focus on attracting more upscale visitors to the First Coast, he said, and both the renovation of several area hotels as well as the coming addition of two new St. Augustine hotels – including the boutique Lotus Inn & Suites – will help those efforts by providing more parking, and more modern and architecturally complimentary lodging options for upscale visitors.

### Local tourists

Yet while the VCB's marketing efforts have succeeded in boosting the



Karen Zander and Carole Everitt



Cindy Bishop and Ken Smith

number of visitors – especially among overnight visitors from outside the local region – Goldman acknowledged that not all county residents are happy about efforts to draw more tourists to the First Coast.

"We're blamed for the traffic, we're blamed for the long lines at Publix – especially on Anastasia Island..." Goldman said. "One of the challenges we have in St. Johns County is that a lot of our residents are disengaged from the local economy, as they are successfully retired."

While those residents may not appreciate the economic benefits of increased tourism – or the fact that 27 percent of county employment is in some way related to tourism – Goldman said all county residents benefit from the increased number of arts, cultural and recreational offerings the tourism industry has spawned.

"We call them 'local tourists,'" Goldman said. "The lifestyle and the quality of experiences they have here are important to them."

He also noted that, traffic and parking issues notwithstanding, the trend of people wanting to come to St. Johns County is nothing new.

"Arguably, the first tourist came to our shores 500 years ago," Goldman said. "His name was Juan Ponce de Leon."

## Vintner visits Carrera Wine Cellar



Photo by Susan Griffin

Jessica Stern Ahrens, owner of St. Augustine's Carrera Wine Cellar, welcomes California vintner Justin Baldwin to her shop Aug. 16. The owner of Justin Wines in Paso Robles, California, Baldwin signed bottles of his wines, which were available for tasting.

# Movers

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A certified director of safety, Salmons has more than 15 years of leadership, safety and risk management experience with a variety of transportation companies as well as the solid waste sector.

He joins Advanced Disposal from

Team Drive-Away, where he served as director of safety and recruiting.

He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree candidate in occupational safety and health management from Columbia Southern University.

He holds an associate's degree in IT, and has received specialized transportation training as well as extensive ground safety training during his 10 years in the U.S. Air Force.



VINING

## Berkshire Hathaway's Vining named a 'Woman of Influence'

Anita Vining has been named to Jacksonville Business Journal's 2016 "Women of Influence" recognizing women for their accomplishments in business and community service.

The award was presented at a luncheon held Aug. 24 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine.

A Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, Vining was a 2015 Top Producer for the company, with more than \$38 million in closed sales. She serves on the board of directors for the Jacksonville Public Education Fund and on Duval County Public Schools Superintendent Nikolai Vitti's special task force committee to make Duval County schools stronger.

Vining is a board member of the San Marco Merchants Association, serving as president the past two years. She supports Dreams Come True, donating a percentage of each of her closings to the nonprofit organization, the Cathedral Arts Project, Wolfson Children's Hospital and St. Vincent's Medical Center.



MCLAUGHLIN

## McLaughlin, Tamayo elected officers of Betty Griffin House board

Florida Coastal School of Law Professor Julia McLaughlin has been elected chair

of the Betty Griffin House Board of Directors.

McLaughlin has served since 2001 as a member on the board of the non-profit agency, which provides shelter and support for victims of domestic and sexual abuse in St. Johns County.

Severino (Sev) Tamayo was elected to serve as vice chair of the 15-member board. A two-year member of the board, Tamayo is an account manager with Jeff Evans State Farm in Palm Coast.

"We're excited to have Julia and Sev accept leadership positions as our nonprofit agency is in the process of launching several new initiatives over the next 12 months," Betty Griffin House Executive Director Joyce Mahr said.

Betty Griffin House currently houses up to 54 women and their children and offers free services and programs including confidential counseling, a 24-hour crisis hotline, a rape crisis unit in Flagler Hospital and legal assistance to domestic violence and sexual assault victims and families throughout the community.

## Slate wins Salesperson of the Year Award

EXIT Real Estate Gallery's Cole Slate was recently awarded the Florida Home Builders Association Sales and Marketing Council 2016 Associate Salesperson of the Year.

The Florida Home Builder's Association Sales and Marketing Council's Associate Salesperson of the Year is presented to a member who demonstrates excellence in the areas of new construction development, new build production, builder's association involvement and overall community impact.

## Gaines joins FirstAtlantic Bank



GAINES

Julie Gaines has joined FirstAtlantic Bank as vice president, senior commercial relationship manager. Her responsibilities include developing new customer relationships in the bank's targeted markets of businesses and professionals.

Gaines brings 25 years of financial services experience to her new position. She was most recently with LSQ Funding Group.

"We are very pleased to have Julie join our team," said FirstAtlantic President and CEO Mitchell W. Hunt Jr. "Her wealth of experience and knowledge of the industry will be instrumental in helping our company continue to grow in northeast Florida."

Gaines holds a bachelor of science degree in public administration from Florida State University.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I am asked "Who should I vote for, Mary? Can you tell me? I don't know these people."

This is especially true of the constitutional officers and judges etc.

I generally have to say, "I'm not sure, I just read about them." But this time we have the Clerk of Courts position open. I asked a lot of people, many in St. Augustine where the clerk's office is located, and where people know

them and have worked for them. It came down to this for me.

This is a position that requires a background in both accounting and law. In this day and age, experience alone does not cut it any more. In examining the credentials of both men, I have to come down on the side of Mr. Hunter Conrad. He has both a law degree and a degree in accounting. Great combination. I also heard both of them speak at a candidate debate here in Ponte Vedra, and I have spoken to them both.

Further, I have heard Hunter has won the respect of the lawyers, and many of the other constitutional officers who have worked with him. Hunter gets my vote.

The other position I do feel much more qualified to speak to is the County Commission seat in District 1. I cannot support Commissioner Johns. He has not only voted for the developers on every issue – increasing density, adding new developments, not demanding they pay their way – but worse, he refused to allow the citizens

a vote in finding money to pay for our infrastructure, libraries, beach parking needs and on and on.

Keep that up and we will look just like Jacksonville.

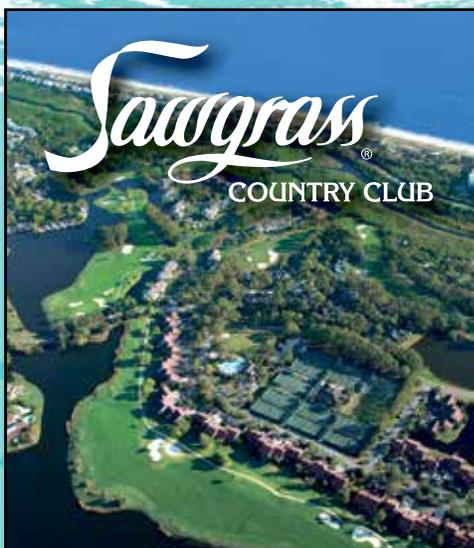
So Yes on Hunter Conrad for his credentials and Al Abbatiello for his hard work and service to the county, to save what is left of the county and our quality of life.

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- 1. Savvy
- 6. Churchill's "so few"
- 9. Wolf in Mexico
- 13. Type of closet
- 14. "\_\_\_\_\_ to Joy"
- 15. Giverny Impressionist
- 16. Select by a vote
- 17. Craggy peak
- 18. Eight voices
- 19. \*Snow White's posse
- 21. \*Kevin, Stuart or Bob
- 23. \*"Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ body & Sherman"
- 24. Fodder holder
- 25. Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
- 28. Maastricht Treaty (1992) currency
- 30. Goldfinger's henchman
- 35. They're hidden up a sleeve?
- 37. TV's \_\_\_\_\_ at Night
- 39. \*"\_\_\_\_\_ Got a Friend in Me" from "Toy Story"
- 40. Lymph \_\_\_\_\_
- 41. \*E.T., e.g.
- 43. Arctic jaeger
- 44. Dismal
- 46. Muffin Man's Drury \_\_\_\_\_
- 47. Unagi, pl.
- 48. Not digital
- 50. Word-of-mouth story
- 52. Actor's domain
- 53. Back talk
- 55. "\_\_\_\_\_ populi," or

**DOWN**

- 1. Steinfeld
- 2. \*"Where the \_\_\_\_\_ Things Are"
- 3. All over again
- 4. Summary
- 5. Dinner's main attraction
- 6. Decomposes
- 7. Big fuss
- 8. Manhattan Project physicist
- 9. Locus, pl.
- 10. On top of
- 11. "\_\_\_\_\_ there, done that"
- 12. Mel \_\_\_\_\_, Giant Hall-of-Famer
- 15. Accompanied solo song
- 20. The animals of a region
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- 24. Parties
- 25. \*Kung Fu-practicing animated mammal
- 26. Squirrel's stash
- 27. Mythological princess of Colchis
- 29. Small stream
- 31. 2 aspirin, e.g.
- 32. Football move, pl.
- 33. Immature ovum
- 34. \*Beauty's true love
- 36. Finned mammal
- 38. Bingo-like game
- 42. Impulse transmitter
- 45. Prayer beads
- 49. Gangster's pistol
- 51. Between Paleocene and Oligocene
- 54. Old photo color
- 56. Röntgen beams
- 57. Crazy one
- 58. Medicinal succulent
- 59. Unit of angular measure, pl.
- 60. Like spirit in sane body
- 61. Estimated arrivals
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